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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED WITHOUT REFERENCE TO A MAIN COMMITTEE

50/22 C The Israeli military attacks against Lebanon and their consequences

Date: 25 April 1996 Meeting: 117
Vote: 64-2-65 (recorded) Report: A/50/L.70/Rev.1

The General Assembly,

Having heard the statement of the President of the Lebanese Republic before the plenary on 23 April 1996, 1/

Taking note of the letters from the Deputy Permanent Representative of Colombia in his capacity as Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries 2/ and from the Permanent Representative of Guinea to the United Nations in her capacity as Chairperson of the Islamic Group and on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, 3/

Reaffirming the relevant Security Council resolutions on the situation in Lebanon, in particular resolution 425 (1978) of 19 March 1978,

Reaffirming also Security Council resolutions 242 (1967) of 22 November 1967 and 338 (1973) of 22 October 1973, and in particular the principles of withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories and the right of all States in the region to live in peace and security within internationally recognized boundaries,

Bearing in mind the debate that took place at its 113th to 117th meetings, on 23, 24 and 25 April 1996, on the situation in the Middle East, 4/

Gravely concerned at the consequences that the ongoing fighting could have for the peace and security of the region and for the furtherance of the peace process in the Middle East, and affirming its full support for that process and for the need to achieve real progress, especially on the Lebanese and Syrian track,

Gravely concerned also at all attacks on civilian targets, including residential areas, and at the loss of life and suffering among civilians,

Stressing the need for all concerned to respect fully the rules of international humanitarian law with regard to the protection of civilians, in particular the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 12 August 1949, 5/

Gravely concerned at actions that seriously threaten the safety of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon and impede the implementation of its mandate, in particular the incident that occurred on 18 April 1996 in which shelling resulted in heavy loss of life among civilians at a site of the Interim Force,

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1/ See A/50/PV.113.

2/ A/50/940.

3/ A/50/941.

4/ See A/50/PV.113-117.

5/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 75, No. 973.

Taking into consideration the statement of the International Committee of the Red Cross of 19 April 1996, in which it firmly condemned the shelling of civilians who had taken refuge in an Interim Force base in the village of Qana,

Expressing concern at the bombardment of the archaeological and cultural sites and monuments in the city of Tyre, which are internationally protected, in accordance with international law and the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, 6/ and which are considered by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to be the heritage of all mankind,

1. Calls for an immediate cessation of hostilities;

2. Supports the ongoing diplomatic efforts to this end;

3. Condemns the Israeli military attacks against the civilian population in Lebanon, especially against the United Nations base at Qana, which violate the rules of international humanitarian law pertaining to the protection of civilians, and expresses its grave concern and sorrow over the loss of lives and serious injuries to innocent men, women and children;

4. Calls upon Israel immediately to cease its military action against the territorial integrity of Lebanon and to withdraw forthwith its forces from all Lebanese territory, in conformity with Security Council resolution 425 (1978);

5. Calls for strict respect for the territorial integrity, sovereignty and political independence of Lebanon within its internationally recognized boundaries;

6. Calls upon all concerned to respect the safety and security of civilians in conformity with the rules of international humanitarian law;

7. Considers that Lebanon is entitled to appropriate redress for the destruction it has suffered and that Israel is responsible for such compensation;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to dispatch a special technical mission to the area to study and prepare, within one month's time, in cooperation with the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, a report on the human and material losses and damage resulting from the recent and ongoing hostilities;

9. Calls upon Member States to offer humanitarian assistance to alleviate the suffering of the population and to assist the Government of Lebanon in the reconstruction of the country, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the United Nations and its agencies play their part in meeting the humanitarian needs of the civilian population;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

RECORDED VOTE ON RESOLUTION 50/22 C:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Egypt, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iran, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syria, Tajikistan, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

6/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 249, No. 3511.

Against: Israel, United States.

Abstaining: Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Samoa, San Marino, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Absent: Angola, Belize*, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Federated States of Micronesia, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Iraq, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Niger, Palau, Panama, Republic of Moldova, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Togo, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Yugoslavia, Zaire.

Later advised the Secretariat it had intended to vote in favour.

86 The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti

Resolution	Date	Vote	Meeting	Draft
B	3 April 1996	Adopted without a vote	103	A/50/L.67 and Add.1
C	29 August 1996	Adopted without a vote	122	A/50/L.77 and Add.1

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The General Assembly,

Having considered further the item entitled "The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti",

Recalling all its relevant resolutions, as well as those adopted on the question by the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights,

Recalling also the relevant resolutions adopted on the question by the Organization of American States,

Reaffirming that the goal of the international community remains the full observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms and the promotion of social and economic development in Haiti,

Welcoming the presidential elections, which were held in a peaceful environment and observed by the Organization of American States in close coordination with the United Nations, and the peaceful transfer of power from one democratically elected President to another,

Strongly supportive of the continuing leadership of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States in the efforts of the international community in furthering political progress in Haiti,

Welcoming the success of the United Nations Mission in Haiti and the contributions of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and his staff to that success,

Welcoming also the continued efforts by States to provide humanitarian assistance and technical cooperation to the people of Haiti,

Supporting fully the contribution of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti and the United Nations Mission in Haiti in the establishment of a climate of freedom and tolerance propitious to the full observance of human rights and the full restoration of the constitutional democracy of Haiti, and encouraging the International Civilian Mission to continue to cooperate with the United Nations Mission in Haiti and others participating in institution-building, including police training activities,

Paying tribute to the members and staff of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti for their contribution in accompanying the Haitian people in their efforts to return to constitutional order and democracy,

Welcoming the continuous improvement in the situation of human rights in Haiti,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General of 25 January 1996 7/ and the addendum thereto 8/ on the situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti,

1. Welcomes the recommendation of the Secretary-General contained in his report to renew the mandate of the joint participation of the United Nations with the Organization of American States in the International Civilian Mission to Haiti, with the task of verifying full observance by Haiti of human rights and fundamental freedoms and providing technical assistance at the request of the Government of Haiti, in the field of institution-building, such as the training of the police or the establishment of an impartial judiciary and support for the development of a programme for the promotion and protection of human rights, in order to further the establishment of a climate of freedom and tolerance propitious to the consolidation of long-term constitutional democracy in Haiti and to contribute to the strengthening of democratic institutions;

2. Decides to authorize, within existing resources and on the basis of the recommendations of the Secretary-General, the renewal of the mandate of the United Nations component of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti until 31 August 1996, according to the terms of reference and modalities under which the Mission is operating;

3. Expresses its full support for the International Civilian Mission to Haiti and welcomes the continued effective, timely and complete cooperation between the Mission and the Government of Haiti;

4. Commends the Haitian authorities on the progress accomplished in the advance of democracy, respect for human rights and the reconstruction of Haiti;

5. Pays tribute to the Haitian people in their ongoing quest for strong and lasting democracy, justice and economic prosperity;

6. Expresses its appreciation to those States participating in the United Nations Mission in Haiti and those that have accompanied the Haitian people in their efforts to return to constitutional order and democracy;

7. Expresses its confidence that the democratic election of a new President and the peaceful transfer of power from one democratically elected President to another will further strengthen democracy in Haiti;

8. Reaffirms once again the commitment of the international community to continue its technical, economic and financial cooperation with Haiti in support of its economic and social development efforts and in order to strengthen Haitian institutions responsible for dispensing justice and guaranteeing democracy, respect for human rights, political stability and economic development;

7/ A/50/861.

8/ A/50/861/Add.1.

9. Commends the cooperation between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States in their efforts to promote respect for the rights of all Haitians and to contribute to the strengthening of democratic institutions, including through the promotion and protection of human rights and institution-building;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to support the Government of Haiti as it works towards the national reconstruction and development of Haiti, in order to consolidate a climate propitious to the establishment of a lasting democracy and full respect for human rights;

11. Also requests the Secretary-General to continue to coordinate the efforts of the United Nations system to help provide humanitarian aid and meet the development requirements of Haiti;

12. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly regular reports on the work of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti;

13. Decides to keep the item entitled "The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti" under review at its fiftieth session.

C

The General Assembly,

Having considered further the item entitled "The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti",

Recalling all its relevant resolution, as well as those adopted on the question by the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights,

Taking note of the relevant resolutions adopted on the question by the Organization of American States,

Reaffirming that the goal of the international community remains the full observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms and the promotion of social and economic development,

Reaffirming also its support to the people and the Government of Haiti for their efforts to advance democracy, respect for human rights and the reconstruction of Haiti,

Strongly supporting the continuing leadership of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States in the efforts of the international community in furthering political progress in Haiti,

Welcoming the establishment of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti and the contributions of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and his staff,

Welcoming also the continued efforts by States to provide humanitarian assistance and technical cooperation to the people of Haiti,

Supporting fully the contribution of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti and the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti in the establishment of a climate of freedom and tolerance propitious to the full observance of human rights and the full restoration of the constitutional democracy of Haiti, and encouraging the International Civilian Mission to continue to cooperate with the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti and others participating in institution-building, including police training activities,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General of 13 August 1996 on the situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti, 9/

9/ A/50/861/Add.2.

Noting the policy statements by Haitian authorities that the Government of Haiti remains committed to upholding human rights and improving accountability and welcoming the continuing improvement in the situation of human rights in Haiti,

1. Welcomes the recommendation of the Secretary-General contained in his report to renew the mandate of the joint participation of the United Nations with the Organization of American States in the International Civilian Mission to Haiti, with the tasks of:

(a) Verifying full observance by Haiti of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(b) Providing technical assistance at the request of the Government of Haiti in the field of institution-building, such as the training of the police or the establishment of an impartial judiciary;

(c) Supporting the development of a programme for the promotion and protection of human rights, in order to further the establishment of a climate of freedom and tolerance propitious to the consolidation of long-term constitutional democracy in Haiti and to contribute to the strengthening of democratic institutions;

2. Decides to authorize, within existing resources and on the basis of the above recommendations, the renewal of the mandate of the United Nations component of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti until 31 December 1996, according to the terms of reference and modalities under which the Mission is operating;

3. Pays tribute to the Haitian people in their ongoing quest for strong and lasting democracy, justice and economic prosperity;

4. Reaffirms once again the commitment of the international community to continue its technical, economic and financial cooperation with Haiti in support of its economic and social development efforts and in order to strengthen Haitian institutions responsible for dispensing justice and guaranteeing democracy, respect for human rights, political stability and economic development;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to coordinate the efforts of the United Nations system providing humanitarian aid and contributing to the development of Haiti;

6. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly regular reports on the work of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti;

7. Decides to keep the item entitled "The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti" under review at its fifty-first session.

50/160 B Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s

Date: 16 July 1996 Meeting: 121
Adopted without a vote Report: A/50/L.75

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 50/160 of 22 December 1995, by which an Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly was established as the most appropriate mechanism to prepare the mid-term review in 1996 of the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, and by which it was decided that the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole should meet for a period of up to seven working days in September 1996, prior to the fifty-first session of the General Assembly, to prepare the mid-term review on the basis of a report to be prepared by the Secretary-General,

Recalling also the decision of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole, at its organizational session on 20 June 1996, to conduct the mid-term review starting from 16 September 1996 and, to that avail, to recommend to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session that the Ad Hoc Committee meet during the fifty-first session of the Assembly,

Decides to authorize the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole to meet during the fifty-first session of the General Assembly and, for that purpose, to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole through the fifty-first session of the General Assembly.

50/220 United Nations Mission for the Verification of Human Rights and of compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala

Date: 3 April 1996 Meeting: 103
Adopted without a vote Report: A/50/L.68 and Add.1

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/15 of 20 November 1990, 46/109 A of 17 December 1991, 47/118 of 18 December 1992, 48/161 of 20 December 1993 and 48/267 of 19 September 1994, in which it decided to establish the Mission for the Verification of Human Rights and of Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala, and its resolutions 49/137 of 19 December 1994, 49/236 A of 31 March 1995, and, in particular, 49/236 B of 14 September 1995, in which it decided to authorize the renewal of the mandate of the Mission for the further period of six months, that is, until 18 March 1996,

Taking into account the notes by the Secretary-General transmitting the third 10/ and fourth 11/ reports of the Director of the Mission,

Taking note of the conclusions and recommendations contained in the third and fourth reports of the Director of the Mission, regarding compliance by the Government of Guatemala and the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca with their commitments under the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights 12/ and to the human rights aspects of the Agreement on Identity and Rights of Indigenous Peoples, 13/

Acknowledging the support given to the Mission by the Government of Guatemala and the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca,

Concerned by the inadequate implementation of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights, as reported by the Director of the Mission, and in particular the lack of action on the Mission's recommendations throughout the year 1995,

Welcoming the commitment expressed by President Alvaro Arzu to the struggle against impunity and the continuation of the peace process with the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca, within the Framework Agreement for the Resumption of the Negotiating Process between the Government of Guatemala and the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca of 10 January 1994, 14/ as well as his support for the continuation of the Mission,

Also welcoming the resumption of the negotiations between the two parties and their commitment to revitalizing the negotiations with a view to the early signing of a final peace agreement,

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10/ A/50/482.

11/ A/50/878.

12/ A/48/928-S/1994/448, annex I.

13/ A/49/882-S/1995/256, annex.

14/ A/49/61-S/1994/53, annex.

Acknowledging the efforts of the Secretary-General, the Group of Friends of the Guatemala peace process 15/ and the United Nations programmes and agencies for their support to the Guatemala peace process,

Having considered the recommendations of the Secretary-General regarding the renewal of the mandate of the Mission, contained in his report on the Mission, 16/

1. Welcomes the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission for the Verification of Human Rights and of Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala;

2. Takes note with satisfaction of the third and fourth reports of the Director of the Mission;

3. Decides to authorize within existing resources and in a manner consistent with the effective fulfilment of its mandate the renewal of the mandate of the Mission for a further period of nine months and thirteen days, that is, until 31 December 1996, in accordance with the recommendations of the Secretary-General;

4. Calls upon the Government of Guatemala and the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca to take effective action to implement the recommendations contained in the third and fourth reports of the Director of the Mission and to comply fully with their commitments under the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights and with human rights aspects of the Agreement on Identity and Rights of Indigenous Peoples;

5. Reiterates the importance of the undertaking by the parties to continue to provide their broadest support to the Mission and whatever cooperation it may need to carry out its functions, particularly with respect to the security of the members of the Mission;

6. Encourages the parties to strive for the earliest conclusion of a final peace agreement;

7. Calls upon the parties to adopt all necessary steps to eradicate the suffering of the civilian population as well as measures aimed at building confidence between them;

8. Invites the international community to continue supporting institution-building and other activities undertaken by the Mission, in cooperation with United Nations programmes and agencies, with a view to facilitating implementation of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights, in particular through voluntary contributions to the trust fund for the Guatemala peace process established by the Secretary-General;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to keep the General Assembly fully informed of the implementation of the present resolution.

50/225 Public administration and development

Date: 19 April 1996 Meeting: 112
Adopted without a vote Report: A/50/L.69/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Add.1

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Tangier Declaration, 17/ adopted by the Pan-African Conference of Ministers of the Civil Service held in Morocco on 20 and 21 June 1994,

Recalling also its resolution 49/136 of 19 December 1994 on public administration and development,

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15/ The Group of Friends is composed of Colombia, Mexico, Norway, Spain, United States and Venezuela.

16/ A/50/881.

17/ See A/49/495, annex.

Recalling further Economic and Social Council decision 1996/215 of 2 April 1996,

Bearing in mind the rapid pace and interdependence of global, political, social and economic developments, and their implications for all countries, particularly the developing countries, and that there is a critical need for improved efficiency and effective public institutions, administrative procedures and sound financial management to harness these challenges in support of sustainable development in all countries,

Affirming that States have the sovereign right and responsibility to decide, in accordance with their own development policy, strategies, needs and priorities, on their public administration management based on the rule of law,

Acknowledging the diversity of experiences in public administrative systems as well as the political, social and economic circumstances of each country,

Recognizing that effectiveness of government requires an efficient and effective public administration in all countries that is responsive to the needs of the people, promotes social justice, ensures universal access to quality services and productive assets and creates an enabling environment for sustainable people-centred development,

Reaffirming the importance of enhancing the quality of public administration based, inter alia, on the participatory approach to development,

Recognizing the role of the United Nations in assisting Governments, at their request, in ensuring the maintenance of essential basic government services and functions during times of crisis and in developing strategies for rebuilding a viable public administration in countries undergoing post-conflict rehabilitation and reconstruction,

Taking note of the fact that the United Nations system, responding to requests from interested Member States, has contributed in support of their public administration to include wider aspects of governance, including democratic, legal and judiciary reform, and strengthening of the civil society,

Recognizing that Governments in all countries should make their procedures transparent in order to avoid and combat all acts of corruption,

Emphasizing the benefits to all countries of exchanging experiences and views in order to promote better understanding and applications of various roles and functions of government and public administration, and enhancing international cooperation in this field, including such exchanges within the context of South-South and interregional cooperation,

Recognizing the important role of the public sector in the development process and stressing the need to improve development and management of its human resources through, inter alia, appropriate national incentive measures,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on public administration and development 18/ and of the proposals contained therein;

2. Takes note also of the report of the Group of Experts in Public Administration and Finance; 19/

3. Takes further note of the reports of the regional meetings on public administration and development; 20/

18/ A/50/847-E/1996/7.

19/ A/50/525-E/1995/122.

20/ A/50/904, A/50/917, A/50/919, A/50/920, A/50/921, A/50/929.

4. Recognizes that there exists challenges and trends variously facing national Governments in the field of public administration;

5. Reaffirms that democracy and transparent and accountable governance and administration in all sectors of society are indispensable foundations for the realization of social and people-centred sustainable development;

6. Underlines the importance of transparent and accountable governance and administration in all public and private national and international institutions;

7. Recognizes that there is a need for public administration systems to be sound, efficient and well equipped with the appropriate capacities and capabilities through, inter alia, capacity-building, promotion of transfer, access and utilization of technology, establishment or improvement of training programmes for public service, strengthening of partnership of the public sector with the private sector and civil society, as well as providing an enabling environment for private sector activities, as appropriate, promotion of the role and involvement of women in public administration, development of cross-sectoral gender-sensitive and multidisciplinary capabilities, which supports all phases of the development process as well as the promotion of opportunities for all to participate in all spheres of the public sector;

8. Reaffirms that Governments in all countries should promote and protect all human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the right to development, bearing in mind the interdependent and mutually reinforcing relationship between democracy, development and respect for human rights, and should make public institutions more responsive to people's needs;

9. Invites Governments to strengthen their public administrative and financial management capacities through public-sector administrative and management reform, with emphasis on enhanced efficiency and productivity, accountability and responsiveness of the public institutions, and encourages, where appropriate, decentralization of public institutions and services;

10. Recognizes the importance of the major United Nations conferences and urges the development of the necessary capabilities to enable public administration to implement the commitments agreed upon in an effective and coordinated manner;

11. Confirms the importance of and calls for enhancement of the effectiveness of United Nations activities in the area of public administration and development;

12. Stresses the importance of an increased synergy, cooperation and coordination between United Nations funds and programmes, the specialized agencies, the United Nations Secretariat and the Bretton Woods institutions to ensure that the substantive and technical capacity of the United Nations system is optimized;

13. Acknowledges that the role of United Nations activities and programmes in public administration and development is to assist Governments, at their request, to improve their responsiveness to meet the basic needs of all, as well as to the achievement of sustainable development in all countries. The United Nations should focus its activities in the following areas as recommended by the Group of Experts in Public Administration and Finance in its report:

(a) Strengthening government capacity for policy development, administrative restructuring, civil service reform, human resources development and public administration training;

(b) Improving performance in the public sector;

(c) Financial management;

(d) Public-private interaction;

(e) Social development;

(f) Developing infrastructure and protecting the environment;

(g) Government legal capacity;

(h) Post-conflict rehabilitation and reconstruction of government machinery;

(i) Management of development programmes.

In this context, the United Nations should carry out these activities through pooling and facilitating access to information in public administration, promoting training and research in public administration and finance at all levels, advocacy and exchange of experiences, advisory services, technical assistance, capacity-building and human resources development;

14. Requests the United Nations to develop strategies, at the request of interested countries, for rebuilding a viable public administration in countries undergoing post-conflict rehabilitation and reconstruction;

15. Invites the Bretton Woods institutions and all relevant United Nations agencies and bodies to assist, at their request, Member States involved in economic restructuring programmes to pursue national policies aimed at improving the development and management of their human resources through, inter alia, appropriate measures;

16. Recognizes the increased national efforts of Member States in providing adequate financial and other resources for the strengthening of their public administration;

17. Invites the international community to create an enabling international environment and to consider providing adequate financial and other resources for programmes of assistance to support national efforts in enhancing the effectiveness of public administration in developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

18. Recommends that the Secretary-General take appropriate measures in order to ensure maximum coordination of activities of the United Nations system in the field of public administration and development;

19. Calls upon the Secretary-General to ensure ways of strengthening the coordination, coherence and harmonization of the management and implementation of the operational activities of the United Nations system in the field of public administration and development;

20. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on public administration and development containing information on the implementation of the present resolution.

50/226 United Nations Office of Verification in El Salvador

Date: 10 May 1996
Adopted without a vote

Meeting: 118
Report: A/50/L.72 and Add.1

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions on the situation in Central America, in particular resolution 50/7 of 31 October 1995, in which it, inter alia, approved the proposal of the Secretary-General to extend the mandate of the Mission of the United Nations in El Salvador for a further period of six months and requested the Secretary-General to report on its implementation,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 23 April 1996 on the United Nations Mission in El Salvador, 21/ and the letter from the Government of El Salvador and the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional to the Secretary-General dated 23 April 1996, 22/

Recognizing with satisfaction the continuing evolution of El Salvador from a country torn by conflict into a democratic and peaceful nation,

Paying tribute to those Member States which have contributed personnel and voluntary funding to the Mission,

1. Welcomes the continuing commitment of the Government and people of El Salvador to the consolidation of the peace process;

2. Pays tribute to the accomplishments of the Mission of the United Nations in El Salvador, under the authority of the Secretary-General and his Special Representative;

3. Recognizes the political commitment of the Government of El Salvador and the other parties to the peace accords to continue to comply with their provisions, and urges them to work together to complete their implementation without delay;

4. Decides, in accordance with the recommendation contained in paragraph 36 of the report of the Secretary-General of 23 April 1996, to establish a small United Nations Office of Verification, to be headed by an official at an appropriate political level, to follow up implementation of pending aspects of the peace accords in El Salvador through 31 December 1996;

5. Also decides that the United Nations Office of Verification should be financed within existing resources, in a manner consistent with the effective fulfilment of its mandate and taking into account that the Secretary-General will submit proposals on possible means of absorption in the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 to the General Assembly, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, no later than 15 May 1996;

6. Notes that regular visits to El Salvador by senior officials from United Nations Headquarters are making a significant contribution towards the full implementation of the peace accords;

7. Emphasizes the importance of a continued and enhanced cooperation of the United Nations Office of Verification with other bodies of the United Nations system in the consolidation of the peace accords;

8. Calls upon Member States and international institutions to continue to provide assistance to the Government and people of El Salvador and to lend support to the efforts of the United Nations in El Salvador for the purposes of peace-building and development;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to report to it on the implementation of the present resolution.

21/ A/50/935.

22/ A/50/948, annex.

50/227 Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields

Date: 24 May 1996
Adopted without a vote

Meeting: 119
Report: A/50/L.73

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 45/264 of 13 May 1991, 46/235 of 13 April 1992 and 48/162 of 20 December 1993,

Recalling its resolutions 57 (I) of 11 December 1946, 304 (IV) of 16 November 1949, 417 (V) of 1 December 1950, 1240 (XIII) of 14 October 1958, 1714 (XVI) of 19 December 1961, 2029 (XX) of 22 November 1965, 2211 (XXI) of 17 December 1966, 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, 2813 (XXVI) and 2815 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, 3019 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, 3404 (XXX) of 28 November 1975, 31/170 of 21 December 1976, 34/104 of 14 December 1979 and 36/244 of 28 April 1982, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1084 (XXXIX) of 30 July 1965, 1763 (LIV) of 18 May 1973 and 1986/7 of 21 May 1986, and other relevant resolutions,

1. Adopts the texts contained in the annexes to the present resolution;

2. Calls upon the relevant intergovernmental bodies to fully implement the measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to implement the further measures for restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields falling within his responsibility, as set out in annex I to the present resolution;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1997, on the implementation of the present resolution;

5. Invites the specialized agencies, organizations and other bodies of the United Nations system to implement the measures for restructuring within their respective areas of competence, as appropriate;

6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields".

ANNEX I

Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields

I. FUNDING OF OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

1. There is a need for a substantial increase in resources for operational activities for development, on a predictable, continuous and assured basis, commensurate with the increasing needs of developing countries, in accordance with resolutions 48/162 of 20 December 1993 and 50/120 of 20 December 1995.

2. Efforts to mobilize the political will should be intensified in order to achieve the objectives outlined in the present chapter regarding funding of operational activities for development.

3. There is an urgent need to strive for the fulfilment of the agreed target of 0.7 per cent of gross national product for official development assistance as soon as possible.

4. The fundamental characteristics of the operational activities of the United Nations system should be, inter alia, their universal, voluntary and grant nature, their neutrality and their multilateralism, as well as their ability to respond to the needs of developing countries in a flexible manner. The operational activities of the United Nations system should be carried out for the benefit of the developing countries, at the request of those countries and in accordance with their own policies and priorities for development.

5. There is a need for priority allocation of scarce grant resources to programmes and projects in low-income countries, in particular the least developed countries.

6. The United Nations development system should take into account the specific needs and requirements of the countries with economies in transition.

7. Developing countries are responsible for their development processes and operational activities for development are a joint responsibility of all countries. Partnership between developed and developing countries should be based on agreed mandates, principles and priorities of the United Nations system in the development field. All countries should demonstrate their commitment to the funds and programmes, and in this regard, the importance of equitable burden sharing among developed countries is recognized.

8. Many donor and recipient countries have made sustained contributions to the operational activities for development in the spirit of partnership.

9. Within the context of the efforts to provide the operational activities of the United Nations system with resources, in particular core resources, on a predictable, continuous and assured basis, and taking into account that voluntary contributions from official sources should remain the main source for funding of those activities, all aspects of funding of United Nations operational activities, and options presented in the reports of the Secretary-General 23/ and other reports subsequently presented, which include the three funding mechanisms (voluntary, negotiated and assessed), as well as their expected impact, should be examined by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in accordance with their respective mandates.

10. Overall policy issues regarding modalities of funding of operational activities for development should be considered by the General Assembly as the highest intergovernmental mechanism for the formulation and appraisal of policy matters relating to the economic, social and related fields, under the item on operational activities for development, in particular in the context of the triennial policy review, including the relationship between funding and programmes.

11. In order to fulfil its coordination role, and in accordance with the policies formulated by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council should consider, on an annual basis in the operational activities segment, the overall financial picture of the funds and programmes, including the availability of resources, the priorities and programmes agreed upon in the funds and programmes, the adopted targets and further guidance on priorities, and make recommendations thereon to the General Assembly and the funds and programmes.

12. The governing bodies of each programme and fund coordinated by the Economic and Social Council (United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Children's Fund, United Nations Population Fund and World Food Programme) shall adopt, in the context of their programme arrangements and financial plans, a specific and realistic target for core resources, based on the needs arising from their agreed programmes and priorities, as well as the specific mandates of each programme and fund. On this basis, and in accordance with relevant decisions taken by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, the governing bodies of each programme and fund shall take decisions on their own funding arrangements. The importance of non-core resources as a mechanism to enhance the capacity of the United Nations development system and to supplement the means available for operational activities for development is also recognized.

23/ A/48/940 and A/49/834.

13. The importance of continuing to improve ways in which Member States are kept informed of the impact of operational activities for development and of the financial picture of the programmes and funds coordinated by the Economic and Social Council should be stressed, as well as the relationship between programming requirements and available funding.

14. The recommendations and priorities set out in General Assembly resolution 50/120, regarding measures to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system should be fully implemented, including, inter alia, programmes focused on meeting the specific needs of developing countries, giving priority allocation to developing countries, in particular the least developed countries and Africa, appropriate cooperation among United Nations programmes, and keeping administrative costs to a level that allows effective programme delivery.

15. All organizations of the United Nations development system should focus their efforts at the field level on priority areas in accordance with the priorities identified by recipient countries and the mandates, mission statements and relevant decisions of their governing bodies in order to avoid duplication and enhance the complementarity and impact of their work.

16. By its fifty-second session, the General Assembly should review the above-mentioned funding modalities. A decision regarding the future of the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be postponed pending the results of this review. In the event that this review is not completed by the end of the fifty-second session of the General Assembly, a decision on whether to effect changes in the scheduling of the Pledging Conference for the fifty-second session will then be made.

17. The Secretary-General is requested to prepare a report on new and innovative ideas for generating funds, to be considered by the General Assembly, on a priority basis, not later than at its fifty-first session, taking into account the discussions at the substantive session of 1996 of the Economic and Social Council, analysing various proposals that have been advanced on innovative funding sources and modalities for operational activities, including national, international and private sources, and setting forth his views on the advantages and disadvantages associated with each. Innovative funding sources could be an additional element for the provision of resources for operational activities for development.

II. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

18. The General Assembly should exert greater policy leadership on development issues inasmuch as the Charter of the United Nations provides the Assembly with broad mandates concerning these issues. The General Assembly is the highest intergovernmental mechanism for the formulation and appraisal of policy on matters relating to the economic, social and related fields, in accordance with Chapter IX of the Charter. It is the main forum where Governments pursue the development dialogue, which includes all these issues, in its political context. The purpose of the dialogue is to take an integrated view of matters relating to the economic, social and related fields in order to build and deepen the political understanding required for enhanced international development cooperation, to generate impulses for action and to launch initiatives.

19. The High-level Open-ended Working Group on the Strengthening of the United Nations System should be encouraged to consider, in the context of the debate on all the Main Committees of the General Assembly, promoting the use of innovative mechanisms, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, such as panel discussions with delegations and interactive debates, with the active participation of Secretariat and agency representatives, as well as outside experts.

20. The Secretary-General is requested to provide information on the total cost associated with the reports submitted annually to the General Assembly under current mandates, so that the General Assembly may review and take appropriate action on them.

A. Coherence of the work of the Second and Third Committees

21. There is a need to promote greater coherence and complementarity between the work of the Second and Third Committees. For this purpose the General Committee of the General Assembly should ensure better coordination of the agendas of the Second and Third Committees; the two bureaux should review their respective programmes of work in order to exchange information on the issues discussed in each, identify potential areas of overlap or duplication and examine means of considering in a more coordinated manner issues related to the follow-up of the major United Nations conferences and make recommendations thereon to their respective Committees.

22. There is a need to consider possible measures to allow for the coordinated consideration of the report of the Economic and Social Council during the General Assembly session.

23. To the extent feasible, the discussions in the Second and Third Committees should not commence until after the end of the general debate in the plenary meetings of the General Assembly.

24. For issues of a procedural nature, decisions, instead of resolutions, should be used to the maximum extent possible. Resolutions should be shorter, in particular as regards preambular parts. The bureaux, in reviewing the respective agendas, could identify and recommend those individual items or clusters of related items that could be effectively considered in omnibus resolutions.

B. Programme of work of the Second and Third Committees

25. The arrangements in the General Assembly and in the Economic and Social Council for considering the coordination of humanitarian assistance and special economic assistance to individual countries and regions should be reviewed during the fifty-first session of the General Assembly.

26. In order to ensure, whenever possible, a common approach and clear system-wide mandate for issues dealing with special economic assistance to individual countries, each resolution could contain, to the extent possible and, as appropriate, a common preambular section, while specificity (individual needs) would be maintained within a number of operative paragraphs.

27. To facilitate discussions based on an integrated approach to development issues, the possibility of choosing a principal theme or themes should be explored to focus substantive debate under each "cluster" in the agenda without prejudice to the right of delegations to raise any other specific issue in the debates.

28. Consultations should be held at an early stage, in an organizational session of the Committee, before the start of its general debate, based on proposals from the bureau for decision, on clustering of the agenda, and, where possible, themes and focus for these clusters, taking into account the content of reports presented, as well as on items to be included for discussion or items for decisions and resolutions without formal debate.

29. The agenda of the Second Committee is set out in annex II. This is without prejudice to the current arrangements on the biennialization and triennialization of items, as decided by the General Assembly in resolution 48/162.

30. The agenda of the Third Committee is structured in accordance with General Assembly decision 50/465 of 22 December 1995 (annex III).

III. DOCUMENTATION AND RELATED MATTERS

31. The Secretariat and representatives of the specialized agencies are requested to provide executive briefings, as appropriate, on the matters to be covered under the items on the agenda, at least a week prior to the opening of the General Assembly. The Second Committee should, in accordance with resolution 48/162, look early in the session into all aspects related to the improvement of the working methods of the Committee.

32. There should be greater use of relevant background documents in the Second Committee such as the World Economic and Social Survey, the Trade and Development Report, the World Development Report and the World Economic Outlook; in the preparation of the first two reports, cooperation and coordination between the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis and the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development should be enhanced to ensure more complementarity between the reports.

33. There should be continued improvement of other reports to make them more concise and action-oriented, by highlighting the critical areas requiring action by the General Assembly and, as appropriate, by making specific recommendations. All documentation should be provided within the specified timetables and page limits and in all official United Nations languages. Efforts should also continue to be made to have all documentation available in electronic form, in particular for distribution on the Internet, in a timely manner and within existing resources.

34. In order to rationalize and simplify reporting procedures, the Second and Third Committees shall, at the end of their sessions, while reviewing their draft programmes of work for the next sessions, consider procedural decisions regarding requests for reports, including where possible integrated reports on closely related items, as well as items to be inscribed on the agendas for the next sessions. This exercise shall be based on the lists of reports mandated from decisions taken by the present and previous sessions of the General Assembly, which are included in the draft programmes of work, as well as suggestions from the Secretary-General on reporting arrangements.

35. It is noted that the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General to prepare proposals, for consideration by the Council in 1996 and by the General Assembly at its fifty-first session, on the simplification of existing reporting requirements, taking into account the reports that will be required for the follow-up to United Nations conferences.

IV. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

36. In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter, the Economic and Social Council must continue to strengthen its role as the central mechanism for coordination of the activities of the United Nations system and its specialized agencies and supervision of subsidiary bodies, in particular its functional commissions, in the economic, social and related fields. It should provide overall guidance and coordination to the United Nations development system. It must also promote a coordinated follow-up to the outcomes of major international conferences in the economic, social and related fields.

37. The Council should fully implement its authority to take final decisions on the activities of its subsidiary bodies and on other matters relating to its system-wide coordination and overall guidance functions in the economic, social and related fields, as appropriate.

38. The Council should continue to consider reports of intergovernmental and inter-agency bodies and mechanisms for coordination and recommend ways to enhance their interaction and complementarity of efforts.

39. In the follow-up to United Nations conferences, the Council shall ensure the harmonization and coordination of the agendas and work programmes of the functional commissions by promoting a clearer division of labour among them and providing clear policy guidance to them. To this end, better preparation of the meetings of the Council should be ensured. The Council could periodically organize meetings on specific issues to allow for more dialogue with the chairpersons and the secretariats, as appropriate, of the functional commissions, other subsidiary and related bodies and the relevant executive boards. If an effective and coordinated follow-up process suggests the need, then the consolidation of activities of subsidiary bodies may be considered, as appropriate. The aim of sustaining and strengthening the quality and impact of the output of these bodies must be assured.

40. The Council shall hold a shorter, focused substantive session for four weeks in July. Efforts shall be made, therefore, to improve preparedness of the session through the effective use of the organizational session of the Council and, as appropriate, open-ended informal consultations in order to conduct preliminary consultations

among delegations on matters to be dealt with at the substantive session. This may involve, as appropriate, dialogues with the chairpersons and the secretariats, as appropriate, of the functional commissions, other subsidiary and related bodies and executive boards relevant to these issues, among others, in order to identify problems, avoid overlaps and fill gaps.

41. In accordance with the provision of the Charter and its rules of procedure, the Council may convene special sessions to address urgent developments in the economic, social and related fields that may require guidance and coordination by the Council.

42. In scheduling the above-mentioned sessions and consultations, the Council should take into consideration meetings of other bodies dealing with economic and social issues to avoid unnecessary overlapping and overburdening.

43. The Secretary-General is requested to prepare a study with a comprehensive assessment of the present arrangements for the Council's sessions.

44. The outcome of each segment of the Council should be strengthened and made more action-oriented. Resolutions, decisions and agreed conclusions should be implemented and followed up fully by all relevant parts of the United Nations system. This process should be monitored by the Council and the General Assembly on a regular basis, as appropriate.

45. Panel discussions and interactive debates, with the participation of outside experts, non-governmental organizations and the business and academic communities, where appropriate, and in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Council, should be encouraged in parallel to the formal meetings of the Council, taking into account any relevant outcome of the Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Arrangements for Consultations with Non-Governmental Organizations that the Council adopts.

A. Preparation of the sessions of the Economic and Social Council

46. The organizational session of the Council should continue to be the appropriate framework for transparent discussion and approval of the agenda items of the substantive session, as well as of its annual basic programme of work, taking into account the rules of procedure of the Council and relevant General Assembly resolutions, in particular resolutions 45/264 of 13 May 1991 and 48/162.

47. The Bureau of the Council should convene open-ended informal consultations of the Council to improve organizational and procedural as well as substantive aspects of the Council's sessions, with a view to highlighting the issues and recommendations that require consideration and action by the Council. In order to have more focused and well-prepared substantive sessions of the Council, the Bureau should be encouraged to continue to exercise its role as facilitator.

48. The Bureau of the Council should meet on a regular basis and may consider issues such as recommendations on agenda items and subjects, the structure of meetings and lists of guest participants for panel discussions, and should be kept informed, where appropriate, and in the context of its organizational efforts, of the deliberations of relevant intergovernmental mechanisms outside the United Nations system. The Bureau shall brief the Council on its deliberations and shall not have the authority to make decisions on any substantive matters.

49. The Bureau should also assist the Council in identifying economic, social and related issues for discussion at its sessions, maintain contacts with the bureaux of the functional commissions and other subsidiary bodies, as well as with those of the specialized agencies and the executive boards of the funds and programmes, and thus allow for a better interaction between the Council and those bodies and contribute by assisting the Council to better fulfil its role.

50. The Bureau shall monitor the state of preparedness of documentation for the Council and take necessary measures to facilitate its timely issuance in all official languages.

51. Based on proposals by Member States, recommendations in the reports of the Secretary-General as well as in the reports of the Council's subsidiary bodies and the executive boards of the United Nations funds and programmes, the Bureau shall identify areas for possible action by the Council, with a view to improving the proceedings of the Council.

52. Members of the Bureau should be entrusted with safeguarding and passing on to the next session of the Council the working methods that have proved successful and the overall experience acquired in implementing resolution 48/ 162 and the present resolution, taking into account the rules of procedure of the Council.

B. High-level segment

53. The theme for the general debate of the high-level segment shall be determined by the Economic and Social Council. In this connection, the President of the Council, following consultations with Member States and, through the Secretary-General, with members of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, should present a proposal for a topical theme for the following year at the annual substantive session of the Council. At such session, the Council shall undertake consultations on the theme for the high-level segment with a view to reaching a decision, if possible, during the substantive session, but not later than at a resumed session in the autumn following the annual session. In the event a matter of high urgency and priority subsequently emerges that would qualify as a theme for the high-level segment, the Council, at its organizational session, may, as appropriate, consider that theme as an additional topic for discussion at the high-level segment.

54. The Secretary General is requested to include in his report for this segment all relevant issues that could be discussed during the session, on the basis of the theme or themes chosen, making use of inputs from the various pertinent bodies of the United Nations system, including concrete recommendations on the matters under discussion.

55. In order to better focus the policy dialogue, the possibility of having joint reports, prepared by the Secretariats of the United Nations, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization, should be explored.

56. The outcome of the high-level segment should normally be in the form of agreed conclusions and should be followed up by all relevant bodies and organizations of the United Nations system.

C. Coordination segment

57. The agreed conclusions of the Council concerning the selection of cross-cutting themes common to major international conferences and/ or the contribution to an overall review of the implementation of the programme of action of a United Nations conference should be implemented. At the organizational session of the Council, consideration should be given to choosing a second theme dealing with concrete sectoral issues. The Council should develop a focused dialogue on the chosen theme or themes with the funds and programmes, the regional commissions and the relevant specialized agencies, including the Bretton Woods institutions, as well as the World Trade Organization, as appropriate.

58. The functions of the present joint meetings of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and the Committee for Programme and Coordination, which are hereby discontinued, should be assigned to this segment.

59. The implementation of the agreed conclusions of this segment should be followed up in the general segment of the following year.

D. Operational activities for development segment

60. The role of the Council in providing overall coordination and guidance for operational development programmes and funds on a system-wide basis should be reinforced, including objectives, priorities and strategies in the implementation of the policies formulated by the General Assembly, as well as concentrating on

cross-cutting and coordination issues related to operational activities, including through a high-level meeting, in order to provide an opportunity for policy makers to engage in discussion on the broader issues for development cooperation.

61. Efforts should focus on improving the overall impact of operational activities of the United Nations system in development cooperation by, inter alia, implementing the set of measures agreed upon in this framework and ensuring a more coordinated implementation at the field level.

62. With a view to avoiding repetition of discussions, the governing boards should be requested to highlight in their respective reports to the Council the issues requiring examination and identify action to be taken.

63. National officials directly involved in the implementation of national development strategies in recipient countries, as well as field-level representatives of the United Nations system, should be encouraged to participate in this segment.

64. The debates with the heads of agencies should focus on concrete topics of common concern and, with the consent of the countries concerned, use should be made of national and regional case-studies. The annual discussion of policy for operational development programmes should be broadened, focusing on support for country-driven processes, so as to include the status of collaboration with other multilateral and bilateral donors, especially the Bretton Woods institutions.

65. Contributions to the preparations for the triennial policy review of operational activities conducted by the General Assembly should be continued.

E. General segment

66. The primary function of this segment as that of an action-oriented review of the activities, reports and recommendations of the Council's subsidiary bodies should be consolidated, avoiding a repetition of the debates held in those bodies and focusing attention on major policy issues that require a prioritized and coordinated response from the United Nations system as a whole.

67. The Council should regularly review the agenda of its general segment with a view to discontinuing consideration of items that are not relevant to the work of its subsidiary machinery or are duplicative of items on the agenda of the General Assembly, and distinguish more clearly between items on the agenda requiring decisions and those for information only.

68. The subsidiary bodies should be requested to include in their reports an executive summary, and the reports should be concise, identifying clearly their conclusions and recommendations and the issues that may require attention and/or action by the Council. The Secretariat should consolidate these issues in a single document for consideration and action.

69. Provision should be made for the integration and coordination of humanitarian and emergency assistance activities with medium- and long-term rehabilitation and development efforts and programmes.

V. FUNCTIONAL AND REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AND EXPERT GROUPS

A. Functional commissions and expert groups

70. The Council shall undertake, taking into account recent decisions regarding the mandates, functions and composition of the Commissions on Population and Development, Social Development and the Status of Women, as well as the discussions during the special session of the General Assembly in 1997 on the future role of the Commission on Sustainable Development, including its relationship with the United Nations Environment Programme, a review of the mandates, composition, functions and working methods of its functional commissions and expert groups and bodies, ensuring more effective and coordinated discussions and outcomes of their work. In the case of functional commissions with the primary responsibility for the follow-up and review of the

implementation of a major conference, The Council shall ensure the coordination of their multi-year programmes, in accordance with the agreed conclusions adopted by the Council at its substantive session of 1995 on the coordinated follow-up of the results of major international conferences. Such a review should be completed by the fifty-second session of the General Assembly.

71. The review should, as a matter of priority, consider the role, working methods and relationship with other bodies of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, the Committee for Development Planning, the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development and the Committee on Natural Resources.

72. The functions of the World Food Council shall be absorbed by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Food Programme, and consequently the World Food Council is discontinued.

73. The role and the working methods of the Committee for Programme and Coordination should be considered by the High-level Working Group of the General Assembly on the Strengthening of the United Nations System within the context of General Assembly decision 47/454 of 23 December 1992, with a view to finding ways of improving programme coordination functions throughout the United Nations system. In this context, consideration should be given, inter alia, to the roles and responsibilities of the Economic and Social Council and the Committee for Programme and Coordination with respect to coordination.

B. Regional commissions

74. The Council shall provide for the review of the regional commissions, with a view to strengthening and enhancing their effectiveness as action- and policy-oriented bodies in the economic and development fields with better response to the conditions and environments unique to the specific regions; improving their coordination with the entire United Nations system, including the specialized agencies, the Bretton Woods institutions and the regional development banks; strengthening their active participation relating to the implementation at the regional level of the results of major United Nations conferences; and shall encourage them also to undertake their own management and functional assessments towards these ends.

75. One of the major purposes of the above reviews should be to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of these bodies by eliminating unnecessary duplication or overlapping of work and by ensuring a better structural relationship among these bodies and with the Economic and Social Council.

VI. GOVERNING BODIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES AND FUNDS

76. Efforts should continue to be made to reduce the proliferation and overlapping of formal and informal meetings of the same bodies throughout the year, to improve the setting of agendas and to delineate the subjects for allocation for consideration at their annual and regular sessions; where possible, the overlapping of such meetings with other meetings should be eliminated. In this context, the executive boards should, on a continuous basis, consider adjustments to their agendas, reporting procedures and format, as well as reviewing the number and scheduling of meetings and sessions, with a view to continuing the rationalization of the working methods of the boards.

77. While recognizing that governing bodies in the context of their specific mandates deal with policy issues that pertain to their own institutions, they should also describe in their reports how the overall policy guidance and coordination provided by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council have been implemented, as well as their specific recommendations for further action.

78. The effective participation of observer member States and observer States in the sessions of the executive boards should be facilitated. To this end, the executive boards should review their arrangements and working methods and, where applicable, their rules of procedure. Documentation of the executive boards should be made accessible to all member States of the funds and programmes.

VII. INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION

79. In the context of the discussions on an agenda for development, a close review shall be made of the relationship of the Economic and Social Council with the specialized agencies. The Council, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, shall provide overall guidance and coordination, identify points of duplication with funds and programmes, and make recommendations, as appropriate and necessary.

80. The Administrative Committee on Coordination should have an enhanced function for inter-agency coordination purposes for the United Nations system, and continue to meet for this purpose on a regular basis under the chairmanship of the Secretary-General, at the head-of-agency level, to review and advise on coordination matters; it should continue to report to the Council, and continue to make use of small task forces at the operational levels to develop joint inter-agency programmes, as appropriate.

81. The Administrative Committee on Coordination should present the thematic aspects of its report to the Council at its coordination segment and the remaining parts at the general segment; the members of the Administrative Committee on Coordination should engage in an active dialogue with the Council on ways to improve inter-agency coordination.

82. The periodic meetings of all concerned senior Secretariat officials in the economic and social sectors, under the authority of the Secretary-General, should continue to be used to improve coordination and performance; the outcomes of these meetings should be presented on a regular basis to the Economic and Social Council.

83. While recognizing the importance and the necessity of adapting the United Nations to new realities and challenges, it is also important that sufficient time be accorded to the implementation of reforms undertaken in order to provide necessary stability in the functioning of United Nations organs and bodies, hence allowing for the building of experiences for any future reforms.

VIII. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCE AND TRADE INSTITUTIONS

84. The issues relating to the strengthening of the relationship between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions, and possibly also the World Trade Organization, shall be particularly considered in the context of the deliberations on an agenda for development, as foreseen in resolution 47/181 of 22 December 1992.

85. In general, there should be greater interaction and cooperation between the Bretton Woods institutions and other parts of the United Nations system and between their secretariats; a first practical step could be to request the Bretton Woods institutions to furnish special reports and studies to the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly on issues falling within their competence, in accordance with article V of the Agreement between the United Nations and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

86. There is a need for an early exploratory review to be prepared jointly by the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions to assess mechanisms, programmes and relationships at the field, headquarters and intergovernmental levels, with a view to identifying areas in which communication, cooperation and coordination could be improved. The review should produce a report and recommendations on how the respective institutions can improve their own efforts and effectively complement one another's efforts, particularly in the context of the priorities established by their respective member States, in relation to the implementation of the results of United Nations conferences, the collection and dissemination of data analyses and reports, the use of existing resources in the transition from emergency relief to rehabilitation and development, the provision of technical assistance operations in the field, intergovernmental and secretariat consultations, and policy dialogues.

87. The General Assembly and the respective governing bodies of the Bretton Woods institutions, based on the conclusions of the above review, should consider concrete areas and forms of collaboration in the field of development-related activities.

88. In order to improve communication and cooperation at the intergovernmental level between the Council and the international financial and trade institutions, to facilitate an exchange of views with regard to global issues of high priority and relevance and to consider how the Economic and Social Council and the international financial and trade institutions could mutually support their respective efforts in promoting and coordinating programme activities within their purviews relating to these issues, the Council should schedule periodically a high-level special meeting at a time proximate to the semi-annual meetings of the Bretton Woods institutions with a view to benefiting, to the extent possible, from high-level ministerial participation and the participation of heads of financial and trade institutions and other relevant organizations. A theme and agenda for this Council meeting should be prepared collaboratively, sufficiently in advance to permit preparation and consultations, and the financial and trade institutions should be invited, as and when appropriate, to prepare reports and studies to enhance the discussions. In order to secure an effective outcome of such meetings, the Secretary-General is requested to consult the heads of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, in order to explore possibilities and practical modalities for such meetings and to inform the Council thereon.

IX. SECRETARIAT

89. The present structure and functioning of the Secretariat, including the economic and social departments and the question of establishing a post of Deputy Secretary-General for International Cooperation and Development, shall be considered in the High-level Open-ended Working Group on the Strengthening of the United Nations System and in the Open-ended Working Group on an Agenda for Development.

90. In the context of the High-level Working Group on the Strengthening of the United Nations System, uniform and maximum terms of service for heads of programmes and funds and other Economic and Social Council and General Assembly bodies should be considered. In connection with the recruitment and appointment of staff, there is a need to implement the provisions of Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations and relevant General Assembly resolutions.

ANNEX II

Agenda for the Second Committee

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council.

2. Macroeconomic policy questions:

   (a) Trends in social and economic development;

   (b) External debt crisis and development;

   (c) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries; 24/

   (d) Trade and development;

   (e) Commodities;

   (f) Science and technology for development.

3. Sectoral policy questions:

   (a) Industrial development cooperation;

24/ This item will be considered on an annual basis. The International Conference on the Financing of Development will be considered under this item at the fifty-second session of the General Assembly.

(b) Development of the energy resources of developing countries;

(c) Food and sustainable agricultural development;

(d) Business and development.

4. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation:

(a) Implementation and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development:

(i) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries;

(ii) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade;

(b) Agenda for development:

Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international cooperation for development through partnership;

(c) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s;

(d) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy;

(e) Population and development;

(f) International migration and development, including the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development;

(g) Human settlements;

(h) Eradication of poverty;

(i) Women in development;

(j) Human resources development.

5. Environment and sustainable development:

(a) Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

(b) Desertification and drought, including implementation of the International Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa;

(c) Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity;

(d) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

(e) Protection of the global climate for present and future generations of mankind;

(f) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction.

6. Operational activities for development:

(a) Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries.

7. Training and research:

(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

(b) United Nations University.

ANNEX III

Agenda for the Third Committee

1. The items allocated to the Third Committee for consideration during the fifty-first session of the General Assembly should be taken up in the following order:

Item 2: Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family.

Item 3: Crime prevention and criminal justice.

Item 4: International drug control.

Item 5: Advancement of women.

Item 6: Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women.

Item 7: Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions.

Item 8: Promotion and protection of the rights of children.

Item 9: Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People.

Item 10: Elimination of racism and racial discrimination.

Item 11: Right of peoples to self-determination.

Item 12: Human rights questions:

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council.

2. This arrangement may be reviewed at the organizational meeting of the Third Committee, in particular in the light of the status of documentation at that time.

50/228 Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Date: 7 June 1996 Meeting: 120
Adopted without a vote Report: A/50/L.74

The General Assembly,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council decision 1996/212 of 9 February 1996 concerning the enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

Taking note also of the request regarding the enlargement of the Executive Committee contained in the letter dated 23 November 1995 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ireland to the Secretary-General, 25/

1. Decides to increase the number of members of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees from fifty to fifty-one States;

2. Requests the Economic and Social Council to elect the additional member at its substantive session of 1996.

50/244 Emergency assistance to Costa Rica and Nicaragua

Date: 29 August 1996 Meeting: 122
Adopted without a vote Report: A/50/L.76/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Add.1

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 43/202, of 20 December 1988, on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, and 45/199, of 21 December 1990, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/45, on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction,

Deeply concerned at the large number of persons killed, missing and affected by hurricane César, which struck Costa Rica and Nicaragua on 26, 27 and 28 July 1996, thereby rendering more difficult the task of consolidating a region of peace, democracy, freedom and development in Central America,

Also deeply concerned at the tremendous damage caused by hurricane César to the infrastructures and economies of Costa Rica and Nicaragua, which could adversely affect the economic and social development plans of both countries,

Aware of the efforts of the Governments and peoples of Costa Rica and Nicaragua to save lives and alleviate the suffering of the victims of hurricane César,

Bearing in mind the enormous effort that will be required to ameliorate the serious situation caused by this natural disaster,

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25/ E/1996/5.

Recognizing the prompt response of Governments, organs and organizations of the United Nations system, particularly the Department of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat, international and regional agencies and non-governmental organizations in providing relief,

Also recognizing that the magnitude of the disaster and its medium- and long-term effects will require, as a complement to the efforts already being made by the peoples and Governments of Costa Rica and Nicaragua, a demonstration of international solidarity and humanitarian concern to ensure more broad-based and adequate multilateral cooperation in order to meet the immediate emergency situation in the affected areas and initiate the process of reconstruction,

1. Expresses its solidarity and support to the Governments and peoples of Costa Rica and Nicaragua;

2. Expresses its gratitude to all the States of the international community, the international agencies and the non-governmental organizations that have provided emergency relief to the affected countries;

3. Calls upon all States of the international community as a matter of urgency to contribute generously, to the extent that they are able, to relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction operations in the affected countries;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, within existing resources and in cooperation with international financial institutions, and organs and organizations of the United Nations system, to assist the Governments of Costa Rica and Nicaragua in identifying their short-, medium- and long-term needs and also to collaborate in the reconstruction efforts undertaken by the Governments of the affected countries.

50/245 Comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty

Date: 10 September 1996 Meeting: 125
Vote: 158-3-5 (recorded) Report: A/50/L.78 and Add.1

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 50/65 of 12 December 1995, in which the Assembly declared its readiness to resume consideration of the item "Comprehensive test-ban treaty", as necessary, before its fifty-first session in order to endorse the text of a comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty,

1. Adopts the comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty, as contained in document A/50/1027;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, as depositary of the treaty, to open it for signature, at United Nations Headquarters, at the earliest possible date;

3. Calls upon all States to sign and, thereafter, according to their respective constitutional processes, to become parties to the treaty at the earliest possible date;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, as depositary of the treaty, to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session on the status of signature and ratifications of the treaty.

RECORDED VOTE ON RESOLUTION 50/245

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyz Republic, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Tajikistan, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zimbabwe.

Against: Bhutan, India, Libya.

Abstain: Cuba, Lebanon, Mauritius, Syria, United Republic of Tanzania.

Absent: Comoros, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Eritrea, Lesotho*, Rwanda, Seychelles, Zambia.

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* Later advised the Secretariat it had intended to vote in favour.

50/20 B Financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

Date: 7 June 1996 Meeting: 120
Adopted without a vote Report: A/50/792/Add.1

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 350 (1974) of 31 May 1974, by which the Council established the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1024 (1995) of 28 November 1995,

Recalling its resolution 3211 B (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 on the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 50/20 of 1 December 1995,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Force are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling also its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Concerned that the Secretary-General continues to face difficulties in meeting the obligations of the Force on a current basis, including reimbursement to current and former troop-contributing States,

Concerned also that the surplus balances in the Suspense Account for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force have been used to meet expenses of the Force in order to compensate for the lack of income resulting from non-payment and late payment by Member States of their contributions,

1. Notes the status of contributions to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force as at 21 May 1996, including the contributions unpaid in the amount of 60,700,000 United States dollars, representing 5 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Force to the period ending on

1/ A/50/386/Add.1.

2/ A/50/694/Add.1.

31 May 1996, also notes that some 29 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full and on time;

5. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 3/ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force the amount of 16,074,000 dollars gross (15,610,284 dollars net), authorized and apportioned by the General Assembly in paragraph 7 of its resolution 50/20 for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 December 1995 to 31 May 1996;

8. Decides also to appropriate the amount of 2,679,000 dollars gross (2,601,714 dollars net), authorized by the General Assembly in paragraph 7 of its resolution 50/20 for the period from 1 to 30 June 1996, the said amount to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with paragraphs 8 to 10 of the same resolution, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 31 May 1996;

9. Decides further to appropriate the amount of 32,254,900 dollars gross (31,342,900 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997, inclusive of the amount of 760,900 dollars for the support account for peace-keeping operations, to be assessed on Member States at the monthly rate of 2,687,908 dollars gross (2,611,908 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997, in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995 and 50/224 of 11 April 1996, and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1996 and 1997, as set out in resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and decision 50/451 A of 22 December 1995, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 31 May 1996;

10. Decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 897,000 dollars approved for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;

11. Decides also that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the estimated other income of 15,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;

12. Invites voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

3/ A/50/694/Add.1.

13. Decides to keep the sub-item entitled "United Nations Disengagement Observer Force", under the agenda item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East", under review during its fiftieth session.

50/89 B Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

Date: 7 June 1996 Meeting: 120
Vote: 104-2-2- (recorded) Report: A/50/824/Add.1

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, 4/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 5/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 425 (1978) of 19 March 1978, by which the Council established the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1039 (1996) of 29 January 1996,

Recalling its resolution S-8/2 of 21 April 1978 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 50/89 of 19 December 1995,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Force are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Recalling its resolution 34/9 E of 17 December 1979 and the subsequent resolutions in which it decided that the provisions of regulations 5.2 (b), 5.2 (d), 4.3 and 4.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations should be suspended, the latest of which was resolution 49/226,

Concerned that the Secretary-General continues to face difficulties in meeting the obligations of the Force on a current basis, including reimbursement to current and former troop-contributing States,

Concerned also that the surplus balances in the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon have been used up for meeting expenses of the Force in order to compensate for the lack of income resulting from non-payment and late payment by Member States of their contributions and have consequently been exhausted,

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4/ A/50/543/Add.1.

5/ A/50/694/Add.1.

1. Notes the status of contributions to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon as at 21 May 1996, including the contributions unpaid in the amount of 204.4 million United States dollars, representing 8 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Force to the period ending 30 April 1996, also notes that some 17.2 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full and on time;

5. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 6/

6. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. Also requests the Secretary-General to include in his next report on the financing of the Force a full evaluation of damages resulting from the incident that occurred at the headquarters of the Force in Qana on 18 April 1996 and the costs thereof;

8. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon the amount of 53,874,000 dollars gross (52,448,000 dollars net) authorized by the General Assembly in paragraph 7 of its resolution 50/89 for the period from 1 February to 30 June 1996;

9. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, taking into account the amount of 32,324,400 dollars gross (31,468,800 dollars net) already apportioned in accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/89, to apportion an additional amount of 21,549,600 dollars gross (20,979,200 dollars net) for the period from 1 May to 30 June 1996 among Member States, in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by Assembly resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995 and 50/224 of 11 April 1996 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1996 and 1997, as set out in its resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and decision 50/471 A of 23 December 1995;

10. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 567,200 dollars approved for the period from 1 May to 30 June 1996;

11. Decides that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the estimated income of 3,200 dollars other than staff assessment income for the period from 1 May to 30 June 1996;

12. Decides also to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon an amount of 125,722,800 dollars gross (122,665,800 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997, inclusive of the amount of 2,965,800 dollars for the support account for peace-keeping operations, to be assessed on Member States at a monthly rate of 10,476,900 dollars gross (10,222,150

6/ A/50/694/Add.1.

dollars net) in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 31 July 1996;

13. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 3,037,000 dollars approved for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;

14. Decides that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the estimated income of 20,000 dollars other than staff assessment income for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;

15. Invites voluntary contributions to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

16. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon".

RECORDED VOTE ON RESOLUTION 50/89 B:

In favour: Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Dar-Salam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysis, Maldives, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Sweden, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Zimbabwe.

Against: Israel, United States.

Abstaining: Iran, Syria.

Absent: Afghanistan, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Barbados*, Belize, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Burundi, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Democractic People's Republic of Korea, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Iraq, Jamaica, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Niger, Palau, Republic of Moldova, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenandines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Soloman Islands, Somalia, Sudan, Swaziland, Tajikistan, Togo, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

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* Later advised the Secretariat it had intended to vote in favour.

50/90 B Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti

Date: 7 June 1996 Meeting: 120
Adopted without a vote Report: A/50/705/Add.3

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti 7/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 8/

Recalling Security Council resolution 1048 (1996) of 29 February 1996, in which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission for a final period of four months, to 30 June 1996, and requested the Secretary-General to initiate planning not later than 1 June 1996 for the complete withdrawal of the Mission, as well as all previous Security Council resolutions on the Mission,

Recalling also its decision 48/477 of 23 December 1993 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 50/90 of 19 December 1995,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Notes the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in Haiti as at 21 May 1996, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 74.7 million United States dollars, representing 23 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Mission to the period ending on 30 April 1996, also notes that some 18 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full;

7/ A/50/363/Add.2 and Corr.1.

8/ A/50/488/Add.2.

4. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

5. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 9/

6. Approves, on an exceptional basis, the special arrangements for the Mission with regard to the application of article IV of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, whereby appropriations required in respect of obligations owed to Governments providing contingents and/or logistic support to the Mission shall be retained beyond the period stipulated under financial regulations 4.3 and 4.4, as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

8. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in Haiti the amount of 45,314,000 dollars gross (44,348,400 dollars net) for the period from 1 March to 30 June 1996, inclusive of the amount of 30 million dollars gross (28.5 million dollars net) authorized by the General Assembly in its resolution 50/90 for the period from 1 March to 31 May 1996;

9. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, and taking into account the amount of 20 million dollars gross (19 million dollars net) already apportioned in accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/90, to apportion the additional amount of 25,314,000 dollars gross (25,348,400 dollars net) for the period from 1 March to 30 June 1996 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995 and 50/224 of 11 April 1996 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1996, as set out in resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and decision 50/471 A of 22 December 1995;

10. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, shall take into consideration the decrease in their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 34,400 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 March to 30 June 1996;

11. Decides to appropriate the amount of 15,897,900 dollars gross (15,440,300 dollars net) for the liquidation of the Mission for the period beginning on 1 July 1996, inclusive of the amount of 377,400 dollars for the support account for peace-keeping operations, to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 9 above;

12. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 11 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 457,600 dollars approved for the Mission for the period beginning on 1 July 1996;

13. Invites voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

14. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti".

9/ A/50/488/Add.2.

ANNEX

Special arrangements with regard to the application of article IV of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations

1. At the end of the twelve-month period provided for in regulation 4.3, any unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question relating to goods supplied and services rendered by Governments for which claims have been received or which are covered by established reimbursement rates shall be transferred to accounts payable; such accounts payable shall remain recorded in the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in Haiti until payment is effected.

2. (a) Any other unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question owed to Governments for goods supplied and services rendered, as well as other obligations owed to Governments, for which required claims have not yet been received shall remain valid for an additional period of four years following the end of the twelve-month period provided for in regulation 4.3;

(b) Claims received during this four-year period shall be treated as provided under paragraph 1 of the present annex, if appropriate;

(c) At the end of the additional four-year period, any unliquidated obligations shall be cancelled and the then remaining balance of any appropriations retained therefor shall be surrendered.

50/207 B Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Date: 11 April 1996 Meeting: 104
Adopted without a vote Report: A/50/843/Add.1

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 50/207 of 23 December 1995,

Noting the number of requests by Member States to avoid the application of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. Takes note of the report of the Committee on Contributions on its special session; 10/

2. Decides that the failure of Liberia and Rwanda to pay the minimum amount necessary to avoid the application of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is due to conditions beyond their control and that, accordingly, they should be permitted to vote through the fifty-first session of the General Assembly; any extension should be subject to review by the Committee on Contributions;

3. Welcomes the intention of Georgia to make within a few months the minimum payment necessary to regain its right to vote and to pay its debt completely within the next three years;

4. Decides, pending receipt of this minimum payment, to permit Georgia to vote through the fiftieth session of the General Assembly;

5. Takes note of paragraph 40 of the report of the Committee on Contributions 11/ and of the new information presented to the General Assembly regarding the situation in Tajikistan, which information was not available to the Committee on Contributions at its special session;

10/ A/50/11/Add.1 and Corr.1. To be issued in final form as Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 11A.

11/ Ibid.

6. Decides that the failure of Tajikistan to pay the minimum amount necessary to avoid the application of Article 19 of the Charter is due to conditions beyond its control and that, accordingly, it should be permitted to vote through the fifty-first session of the General Assembly; any extension should be subject to review by the Committee on Contributions;

7. Notes that the Committee on Contributions was unable to consider the representation from Comoros during its special session;

8. Requests the Committee on Contributions to consider the representation from Comoros at its fifty-sixth session and to report thereon to the General Assembly;

9. Decides that, pending consideration of that report by the General Assembly and as an exceptional measure, Comoros should be permitted to vote through the fifty-first regular session;

10. Reaffirms the obligation of Member States under Article 17 of the Charter to bear the expenses of the Organization as apportioned by the General Assembly;

11. Requests the Committee on Contributions to review the procedural aspects of consideration of requests for exemption under Article 19 of the Charter and to convey its observations thereon to the General Assembly not later than the end of the fifty-first session of the Assembly;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure the earliest possible notification of Member States liable to fall under the provisions of Article 19 of the Charter in the following year;

13. Also requests the Secretary-General to inform the President of the General Assembly of Member States subject to the provisions of Article 19 of the Charter as soon as possible after 1 January of each year, and also to ensure that a list of such Member States is made available to Member States at least seven days in advance of the first formal meeting of the General Assembly in each year.

50/209 B Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission

Date: 7 June 1996 Meeting: 120
Adopted without a vote Report: A/50/845/Add.1

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission 12/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 13/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolutions 626 (1988) of 20 December 1988, by which the Council established the United Nations Angola Verification Mission, 696 (1991) of 30 May 1991, by which the Council decided to entrust a new mandate to the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (thenceforth called the United Nations Angola Verification Mission II), 976 (1995) of 8 February 1995, by which the Council authorized the establishment of a peace-keeping operation in Angola (thenceforth called the United Nations Angola Verification Mission III), and its subsequent resolutions, the latest of which was resolution 1055 (1996) of 8 May 1996, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Verification Mission until 11 July 1996,

Recalling its resolution 43/231 of 16 February 1989 on the financing of the Verification Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 50/209 of 23 December 1995,

12/ A/50/651/Add.3.

13/ A/50/814/Add.1 and Corr.1.

Reaffirming that the costs of the Verification Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Verification Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Verification Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Concerned that the Secretary-General continues to face difficulties in meeting the obligations of the Verification Mission on a current basis, including reimbursement to current and former troop-contributing States,

1. Notes the status of contributions to the United Nations Angola Verification Mission as at 21 May 1996, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 52,802,286 United States dollars, representing 10 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Verification Mission to the period ending 30 April 1996, notes also that some 16 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Verification Mission in full and on time;

5. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 14/ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

6. Decides that, when election activities resume, eleven posts that have been transferred from election-related activities to administrative and support functions will be returned to election-related activities;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Verification Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

8. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Angola Verification Mission the amount of 65,912,903 dollars gross (63,067,742 dollars net) already authorized and assessed under the terms of General Assembly resolution 49/227 B of 20 July 1995 for the period from 9 August to 31 December 1995;

9. Decides also to appropriate the amount of 84,687,300 dollars gross (83,190,300 dollars net) already authorized under the terms of General Assembly resolution 50/209 for the period from 9 February to 8 May 1996;

14/ A/50/814/Add.1. and Corr.1.

10. Decides further, as an ad hoc arrangement, and taking into account the amount of 76,218,600 dollars gross (74,871,300 dollars net) already apportioned under the terms of resolution 50/209, to apportion an additional amount of 8,468,700 dollars gross (8,319,000 dollars net) for the period from 9 February to 8 May 1996 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995 and 50/224 of 11 April 1996 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1996, as set out in its resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and decision 50/471 A of 22 December 1995;

11. Decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the additional estimated staff assessment income of 149,700 dollars approved for the period from 9 February to 8 May 1996;

12. Decides also to appropriate the amount of 47,988,900 dollars gross (47,140,600 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Verification Mission for the period from 9 May to 30 June 1996 already authorized under the terms of General Assembly resolution 50/209;

13. Decides further, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 47,988,900 dollars gross (47,140,600 dollars net) for the period from 9 May to 30 June 1996 among Member States, in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

14. Decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 848,300 dollars approved for the period from 9 May to 30 June 1996;

15. Notes the Secretary-General's cost estimate in the amount of 335,140,000 dollars gross (328,230,000 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Verification Mission for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;

16. Decides to appropriate the amount of 169,118,500 dollars gross (165,984,100 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Verification Mission for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1996, inclusive of the amount of 4,048,500 dollars for the support account for peace-keeping operations and, subject to the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, an additional amount of 1,000,000 dollars for administrative and logistic support services, including contract supervision, to be assessed on Member States at a monthly rate of 28,186,410 dollars gross (27,664,010 dollars net), in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution, subject to the decision by the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Verification Mission beyond 11 July 1996;

17. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 3,134,400 dollars approved for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1996;

18. Requests the Secretary-General to submit the performance reports for the Verification Mission and to provide updated cost estimates for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1997, as appropriate, no later than 1 November 1996, including information on administrative and logistic support services as well as contract supervision;

19. Invites voluntary contributions to the Verification Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

20. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission".

50/211 B Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda

Date: 7 June 1996 Meeting: 120
Adopted without a vote Report: A/50/848/Add.1

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda 15/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 16/

Recalling Security Council resolution 1029 (1995) of 12 December 1995, by which the Council adjusted and extended the mandate of the Assistance Mission for a final period until 8 March 1996, as well as all previous Council resolutions on the Mission,

Recalling also its resolution 48/248 of 5 April 1994 on the financing of the Assistance Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 50/211 of 23 December 1995,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Assistance Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Assistance Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Assistance Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Concerned that the Secretary-General continues to face difficulties in meeting the obligations of the Assistance Mission on a current basis, including reimbursements to current and former troop-contributing States,

1. Notes the status of contributions to the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda as at 21 May 1996, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 48,946,102 United States dollars, representing 10 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Assistance Mission to the period ending on 8 March 1996, notes also that some 23 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

15/ A/50/712/Add.1 and 2.

16/ A/50/936.

3. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Assistance Mission in full and on time;

5. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 17/

6. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Assistance Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. Approves, on an exceptional basis, the special arrangements for the Assistance Mission with regard to the application of article IV of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, whereby appropriations required in respect of obligations owed to Governments providing contingents and/or logistic support for the Mission shall be retained beyond the period stipulated under financial regulations 4.3 and 4.4, as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

8. Decides to keep under review the amounts budgeted for the reimbursement of contingent-owned equipment, pending completion of the processing of outstanding claims for reimbursement for contingent-owned equipment with respect to the Assistance Mission;

9. Decides also to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda the amount of 19,745,000 dollars gross (19,462,700 dollars net) for the withdrawal of the Assistance Mission for the period from 9 March to 19 April 1996;

10. Decides further, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 19,745,000 dollars gross (19,462,700 dollars net) for the period from 9 March to 19 April 1996 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995 and 50/224 of 11 April 1996 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1996, as set out in resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and decision 50/471 A of 22 December 1995;

11. Decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 282,300 dollars approved for the period from 9 March to 19 April 1996;

12. Decides also to appropriate the amount of 4,632,500 dollars gross (4,152,200 dollars net) for the administrative closing of the Assistance Mission for the period subsequent to 19 April 1996, inclusive of the amount of 50,200 dollars for the support account for peace-keeping operations, to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

13. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 480,300 dollars approved for the period subsequent to 19 April 1996;

17/ A/50/936.

14. Takes note of the preliminary report of the Secretary-General on the disposition of the assets of the Assistance Mission, 18/ and requests him to submit to the General Assembly a full report thereon by 27 November 1996;

15. Invites voluntary contributions to the Assistance Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

16. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda".

ANNEX

Special arrangements with regard to the application of article IV of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations

1. At the end of the twelve-month period provided for in financial regulation 4.3, any unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question relating to goods supplied and services rendered by Governments for which claims have been received or which are covered by established reimbursement rates shall be transferred to accounts payable; such accounts payable shall remain recorded in the Special Account for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda until payment is effected;

2. (a) Any other unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question owed to Governments for goods supplied and services rendered, as well as other obligations owed to Governments, for which required claims have not yet been received shall remain valid for an additional period of four years following the end of the twelve-month period provided for in financial regulation 4.3;

(b) Claims received during this four-year period shall be treated as provided under paragraph 1 of the present annex, if appropriate;

(c) At the end of the additional four-year period, any unliquidated obligations shall be cancelled and the then remaining balance of any appropriations retained therefor shall be surrendered.

50/212 Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Resolution	Date	Vote	Meeting	Report
B	11 April 1996	Adopted without a vote	104	A/50/849/Add.1
C	7 June 1996	Adopted without a vote	120	A/50/849/Add.2

B

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991, 19/

18/ A/50/712/Add.2.

19/ A/C.5/50/41.

Recalling its resolution 50/212 of 23 December 1995, by which it appropriated to the Special Account for the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 an amount of 8,619,500 United States dollars gross (7,637,500 dollars net) for the period from 1 January to 31 March 1996 to allow the International Tribunal to continue its activities through 31 March 1996, without prejudice to recommendations the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions might make to the General Assembly at its resumed fiftieth session,

1. Decides to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in the additional amount of 8,619,500 dollars gross (7,637,500 dollars net) for the period from 1 April to 30 June 1996 to allow the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 to continue its activities, pending a detailed report of the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

2. Decides also, as an ad hoc and exceptional arrangement, that Member States shall waive their respective shares in the credits arising from previous budgets of the United Nations Protection Force in the total amount of 4,309,750 dollars gross (3,818,750 dollars net) and hence accept an equivalent increase in the assessments for a future budget period of the Force in the same amount, to be transferred to the Special Account for the International Tribunal from the Special Account for the United Nations Protection Force established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 46/233 of 19 March 1992;

3. Decides further to apportion 4,309,750 dollars gross (3,818,750 dollars net) for the period from 1 April to 30 June 1996 among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments for the year 1996;

4. Decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 3 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 491,000 dollars for the International Tribunal for the period from 1 April to 30 June 1996.

C

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991, 20/

Recalling its resolution 50/212 A of 23 December 1995, in which it appropriated to the Special Account for the International Tribunal an amount of 8,619,500 United States dollars gross (7,637,500 dollars net) for the period from 1 January to 31 March 1996, without prejudice to recommendations the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions might make following its review of the full budget for 1996,

Recalling also its resolution 50/212 B of 11 April 1996, in which it authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the continued operation of the International Tribunal up to the amount of 8,619,500 United States dollars gross (7,637,500 dollars net) for the period from 1 April to 30 June 1996,

Recalling further its resolution 49/242 B of 20 July 1995,

20/ A/C.5/50/41.

1. Endorses the comments and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 21/ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 a total amount of 31,070,572 dollars gross (27,793,122 dollars net) for the period from 1 April to 31 December 1996, inclusive of the commitment authority authorized by the General Assembly in its resolution 50/212 B, in addition to the amount of 8,619,500 dollars gross (7,637,500 dollars net) already appropriated for the period from 1 January to 31 March 1996;

3. Decides also that the appropriation for 1996 under the Special Account referred to in paragraph 2 above shall be financed according to the methodology established by the General Assembly in its resolution 49/242 B, as detailed in the annex to the present resolution;

4. Decides further, as an ad hoc and exceptional arrangement, that Member States shall waive their respective shares in the remaining credits arising from previous budgets of the United Nations Protection Force in an amount of 8,455,336 dollars gross (8,601,911 dollars net), to be transferred to the Special Account for the International Tribunal from the Special Account for the United Nations Protection Force established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 46/233 of 19 March 1992;

5. Decides to apportion the amount of 8,455,336 dollars gross (8,601,911 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments for the year 1996;

6. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 5 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 146,575 dollars approved for the International Tribunal for 1996;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to report fully on both the receipt and the application of extrabudgetary funds when preparing future budget proposals for the International Tribunal so as to ensure transparency as to the purpose and use of such funds;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services to undertake, without prejudice to its programme of work, an inspection of the International Tribunal, with a view to identifying problems and recommending measures to enhance the efficient utilization of resources, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to submit the budget for the International Tribunal for 1997 no later than 1 November 1996.

21/ A/50/925.

ANNEX

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible For Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory Of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

	Gross	Net
	(United States dollars)	
Appropriations for April-December 1996	31 070 572	27 793 122
LESS: Commitment authority (for April to June 1996 already assessed)	(8 619 500)	(7 637 500)
LESS: 1995 unencumbered balance	(5 540 400)	(2 951 800)
BALANCE: April-December 1996 (appropriation to be assessed for July-December)	16 910 672	17 203 822
of which: United Nations Protection Force a/	8 455 336	8 601 911
Assessed b/	8 455 336	8 601 911

a/ Refers to the credits arising from previous budgets of the United Nations Protection Force.

b/ Refers to the contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments for the year 1996.

50/213 **Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994**

Resolution	Date	Vote	Meeting	Report
B	11 April 1996	Adopted without a vote	104	A/50/852/Add.1
C	7 June 1996	Adopted without a vote	120	A/50/852/Add.2

B

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994, 22/

Recalling its resolution 50/213 of 23 December 1995, by which it appropriated to the Special Account for the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens

22/ A/C.5/50/47 and A/C.5/50/54.

Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 an amount of 7,609,900 United States dollars gross (7,090,600 dollars net) for the period from 1 January to 31 March 1996, pending the submission to the General Assembly of the requirements of the International Tribunal for Rwanda for the full year 1996,

1. Decides to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the continued operation of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 for the period from 1 April to 30 June 1996 up to the amount of 7,609,900 dollars gross (7,090,600 dollars net), pending a detailed report of the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

2. Decides also, as an ad hoc and exceptional arrangement, that, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 12 of its resolution 49/20 B of 12 July 1995, Member States shall waive their respective shares in the credits arising from previous budgets of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda in the total amount of 3,804,950 dollars gross (3,545,300 dollars net) and hence accept an equivalent increase in the assessments for a future budget period of the Assistance Mission in the same amount, to be transferred to the Special Account for the International Tribunal for Rwanda from the Special Account for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda;

3. Decides further to apportion the amount of 3,804,950 dollars gross (3,545,300 dollars net) for the period from 1 April to 30 June 1996 among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments for the year 1996;

4. Decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 3 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 259,650 dollars approved for the International Tribunal for Rwanda for the period from 1 April to 30 June 1996.

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994, 23/

Recalling its resolution 50/213 A of 23 December 1995, in which it appropriated to the Special Account for the International Criminal Tribunal an amount of 7,609,900 United States dollars gross (7,090,600 dollars net) for the period from 1 January to 31 March 1996, without prejudice to the comments and recommendations the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions might make following its review of the full budget for 1996,

Also recalling its resolution 50/213 B of 11 April 1996, in which it authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the continued operation of the International Criminal Tribunal up to an amount of 7,609,900 dollars gross (7,090,600 dollars net) for the period from 1 April to 30 June 1996,

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23/ A/C.5/50/47 and A/C.5/50/54.

1. Endorses the comments and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 24/ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 a total amount of 32,552,000 dollars gross (29,404,100 dollars net) for 1996, inclusive of the commitment authority authorized by the General Assembly in its resolution 50/213 B, in addition to the amount of 7,609,900 dollars gross (7,090,600 dollars net) already appropriated for the period from 1 January to 31 March 1996;

3. Decides also that the appropriation for 1996 under the Special Account referred to in paragraph 2 above shall be financed according to the methodology established by the General Assembly in its resolution 49/251 of 20 July 1995, as detailed in the annex to the present resolution;

4. Decides further, as an ad hoc and exceptional arrangement, that Member States shall waive their respective shares in the remaining credits arising from previous budgets of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda in an amount of 6,904,818 dollars gross (5,800,769 dollars net) to be transferred to the Special Account for the International Criminal Tribunal from the Special Account established for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda;

5. Decides to apportion the amount of 6,904,818 dollars gross (5,800,769 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments for the year 1996;

6. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 5 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,104,049 dollars approved for the International Criminal Tribunal for 1996;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to report fully on both the receipt and application of extrabudgetary funds when preparing future budget proposals for the International Criminal Tribunal so as to ensure transparency as to the use and purpose of such funds;

8. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit the budget for the International Criminal Tribunal for 1997 no later than 1 November 1996;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services to undertake, without prejudice to its programme of work, an inspection of the International Criminal Tribunal, with a view to identifying problems and recommending measures to enhance the efficient utilization of resources, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session;

10. Decides to revert to the issue of voluntary contributions in the context of the budget proposals for 1997.

24/ A/50/923.

ANNEX

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

	Gross	Net
	(United States dollars)	
Appropriations for April-December 1996	32 552 000	29 404 100
LESS: Commitment authority (for April-June 1996 already assessed)	(7 609 900)	(7 090 600)
LESS: 1995 unencumbered balance	(11 132 464)	(10 711 962)
BALANCE: April-December 1996 (appropriation to be assessed for July-December)	13 809 636	11 601 538
of which United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda a/	6 904 818	5 800 769
Assessed b/	6 904 818	5 800 769

a/ Refers to the credits arising from previous budgets of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda.

b/ Refers to the contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments for the year 1996.

50/219 Special representatives, envoys and related positions

Date: 3 April 1996 Meeting: 103
Adopted without a vote Report: A/50/834/Add.1

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 48/259 of 14 July 1994,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General 25/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 26/

2. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee as contained in its report;

3. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to ensure that the number of special envoys, special representatives and other special high-level positions is kept at a minimum, that their functions and responsibilities are more clearly defined and streamlined, avoiding any possible duplication, and that current financial regulations and budgetary procedures are fully complied with, and requests him to report on the action he has taken in this regard to the General Assembly at its resumed fiftieth session.

25/ A/C.5/49/50.

26/ A/50/7/Add.2.

50/221 Support account for peace-keeping operations

Resolution	Date	Vote	Meeting	Report
A	11 April 1996	Adopted without a vote	104	A/50/850/Add.2
B	7 June 1996	Adopted without a vote	120	A/50/850/Add.4

A

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A, B and C of 23 December 1993 and 5 April and 29 July 1994, respectively, and 49/250 of 20 July 1995 and decisions 48/489 of 8 July 1994, 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995,

Having considered the report of the Board of Auditors on the audit of the support account for peace-keeping operations for the period ended 30 September 1995, 27/ the report of the Secretary-General on the support account for peace-keeping operations 28/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 29/ and the views expressed by Member States,

Reaffirming the need to continue to improve the administrative and financial management of peace-keeping operations,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report submitted by the Board of Auditors on its audit of the support account for peace-keeping operations; 30/

2. Also takes note of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 31/ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. Decides, pending its consideration of the report of the Secretary-General 32/ at the second part of its resumed session, in May 1996:

(a) To authorize the extension until 30 June 1996 of the 61 temporary posts previously authorized in paragraph 12 of its resolution 49/250;

(b) To authorize the amounts of 50,000 United States dollars for general temporary assistance, 40,000 dollars for overtime, 60,000 dollars for travel, 189,500 dollars for training and 660,100 dollars for common services until 30 June 1996, to be financed on the basis of the current funding methodology and formula;

4. Also decides to revert to the proposals of the Secretary-General for the support account for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 at the second part of its resumed session, in May 1996;

27/ A/50/874 and Corr.1.

28/ A/50/876.

29/ A/50/897.

30/ A/50/874 and Corr.1.

31/ A/50/897.

32/ A/50/876.

5. Requests the Secretary-General in this regard to address the issues contained in the report of the Advisory Committee; 33/

6. Also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that all submissions relating to the backstopping at Headquarters of peace-keeping operations be presented in the context of the report on the support account;

7. Recognizes the temporary nature of support account posts and decides in this regard that measures introduced by the Secretary-General in connection with the regular budget shall not be extended to those posts;

8. Requests the Board of Auditors to keep under review the issue of the role and use of extrabudgetary resources, including the use of personnel loaned by departments and offices at Headquarters supporting peace-keeping operations and to report to the General Assembly thereon as appropriate;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to present in each report on the support account information on the use of trust funds, including the scope of activities financed by them;

10. Also requests the Secretary-General to keep Member States informed on the establishment of trust funds as well as on the possibilities for their use.

B

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993, 48/226 B of 5 April 1994, 48/226 C of 29 July 1994, 49/250 of 20 July 1995 and 50/221 of 11 April 1996 and its decisions 48/489 of 8 July 1994, 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the support account for peace-keeping operations 34/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 35/ and the views expressed by Member States,

Reaffirming the need to continue to improve the administrative and financial management of peace-keeping operations,

Noting the recent notable decline in peace-keeping expenditure and recognizing that this should, in due course, lead to a commensurate decline in backstopping requirements funded through the support account for peace-keeping operations,

Recognizing the need for adequate support during the liquidation and termination phases of peace-keeping operations,

1. Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the support account for peace-keeping operations; 36/

2. Takes note also of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 37/

33/ A/50/897.

34/ A/50/876, A/C.5/50/62 and A/C.5/50/65.

35/ A/50/897.

36/ A/50/876, A/C.5/50/62 and A/C.5/50/65.

37/ A/50/897.

3. Approves, on a provisional basis and for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997, the proposals of the Secretary-General with regard to post and non-post resource requirements as contained in his report of 29 February 1996 38/ and his proposals with regard to the proposed funding mechanism as amended by the Advisory Committee in paragraphs 35 to 37 and annex II of its report, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, in the context of his revised estimates for peace-keeping operations, which are subject to budgetary fluctuations as defined in resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, to present it with information on the impact that such fluctuations would have on the support account;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General, in this regard and on the assumption that the overall level of peace-keeping activities will remain at current levels, to submit revised resource estimates for the support account by 15 November 1996, with a view to reducing, to the extent possible, the post and non-post requirements for the backstopping of peace-keeping operations at Headquarters and, to a commensurate level, the number of officers on loan by Member States to the Department of Peace-keeping Operations, to reflect the recent notable decline in peace-keeping expenditure;

6. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit a performance report on the operation of the support account in the context of its annual consideration of his proposals for the support account, including information on redeployments, if any, between units;

7. Requests the Secretary-General, in preparing his annual proposals for the support account and taking into consideration the temporary nature of the current level of resources, to review and substantiate comprehensively the entire post and non-post requirements for the support account;

8. Also requests the Secretary-General, in preparing his report on the support account for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, to submit a comprehensive proposal on the total requirement for human resources from all sources of funding for the backstopping of peace-keeping operations, including posts financed from the regular budget, trust funds, officers on loan from Member States and other voluntary contributions during the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997, to enable the General Assembly to decide on the level of human resources required, including whether such posts should continue to be financed by means other than through assessed contributions;

9. Further requests the Secretary-General, in preparing his report on the use of the support account for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, to submit proposals that reflect as closely as possible the overall evolution of peace-keeping budgets and any additional relevant observations and recommendations regarding the lessons learned from the previous year of operation of the support account;

10. Decides, in particular, in the context of its consideration of the above-mentioned proposals, to review the operation of the funding mechanism referred to in paragraph 3 above, taking into account past experience and the decline in the level of peace-keeping activities, on the understanding that, unless otherwise decided, the funding mechanism set out in paragraphs 3 to 5 of its resolution 49/250 will be restored as from 1 July 1997;

11. Reiterates the provisions contained in paragraphs 8 and 9 of its resolution 49/250 and paragraph 7 of resolution 50/221;

12. Also reiterates its request to the Board of Auditors to keep under review the issue of the role and use of extrabudgetary resources, including the use of personnel loaned by departments and offices at Headquarters supporting peace-keeping operations, in particular the issue of the impact on the geographic distribution of staff in the Secretariat, and to report thereon to the General Assembly as appropriate;

38/ A/50/876.

13. Again recalls its resolution 48/226 C, and requests the Secretary-General to submit to it, no later than 1 September 1996, a detailed report on various aspects related to the provision of personnel by Member States on loan to the Department of Peace-keeping Operations;

14. Decides to keep under review the proposed transfer of 26 posts from the support account to section 3 (Peace-keeping operations and special missions) and section 26B (Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts) of the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997, 39/ and to consider the issue further in the context of the first performance report on the programme budget to be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session;

15. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to present in each report on the support account information on the establishment and use of trust funds, including the scope of activities financed by them;

16. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the transfer of posts from the Office of Human Resources Management to the Department of Peace-keeping Operations be fully implemented no later than 30 June 1996;

17. Decides to abolish the following posts:

(a) One General Service post in the Executive Office of the Office of the Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Peace-keeping Operations;

(b) One General Service post in the Peace-keeping Financing Division of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts;

(c) Two General Service posts in the Mail Operations Unit of the Buildings Management Service of the Office of Conference and Support Services;

(d) Two General Service posts in the Electronic Services Division of the Office of Conference and Support Services;

(e) Twelve posts in departments other than the Department of Peace-keeping Operations, to be determined by the Secretary-General, of which at least two are in the Department of Administration and Management;

18. Decides also to establish the following posts:

(a) Two Professional posts at the P-5 and P-3 level in the Audit and Management Consulting Division of the Office of Internal Oversight Services;

(b) Six Professional posts at the P-4 level in the Mission Planning Service of the Department of Peace-keeping Operations, subject to post classification review and full observance of normal recruitment procedures.

39/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/50/6).

50/222 Reform of the procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment

Date: 11 April 1996
Adopted without a vote

Meeting: 104
Report: A/50/850/Add.3

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the reports of the Working Groups on Contingent-owned Equipment, established pursuant to its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, 40/

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General, 41/

Taking note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 42/

1. Endorses the recommendations of the Working Groups on Contingent-owned Equipment on the reform of the procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. Decides to endorse the proposal concerning loss or damage to contingent-owned equipment, other than loss or damage to major equipment due to hostile action or forced abandonment, as presented in paragraph 13 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 43/

3. Also decides that the reformed procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment shall be in place as from 1 July 1996 on the basis of the recommendations contained in paragraph 51 of the report of the Phase III Working Group 44/ and paragraph 20 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

4. Further decides to review the operation of the reformed procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment at its fifty-second session;

5. Requests the Secretary-General, in this regard, to submit, for its consideration, a report on the first full year of implementation of the reformed procedures;

6. Decides that the above-mentioned review and report shall pertain to all elements of the reformed procedures, in particular to those elements of the recommendations of the Working Groups that were not specifically endorsed by the Secretary-General in his report, 45/ and decides to request the Secretary-General in this regard to include in the above-mentioned report comparative data on the differences between the adopted system and other proposals contained in the reports of the Secretary-General 46/ and the Advisory Committee; 47/

40/ A/C.5/49/66 and A/C.5/49/70.

41/ A/50/807.

42/ A/50/887.

43/ Ibid.

44/ A/C.5/49/70.

45/ A/50/807.

46/ Ibid.

47/ A/50/887.

7. Requests the Secretary-General to inform all Member States, by 30 May 1996, of the establishment of the new procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment.

50/223 Death and disability benefits

Date: 11 April 1996
Adopted without a vote

Meeting: 104
Report: A/50/850/Add.3

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General 48/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 49/

Expressing deep concern at the delay in the settlement of claims in respect of death and disability,

Taking note of the views expressed by Member States,

1. Reiterates the decision, contained in section III, paragraph 1, of its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, that underlying any system of compensation for death and disability should be the need for:

(a) Equal treatment of Member States;

(b) Compensation to the beneficiary that is not lower than reimbursement by the United Nations;

(c) Simplification of administrative arrangements to the extent possible;

(d) Speedy settlement of claims for death and disability;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to examine also the possibility of an insurance scheme to cover all troops, on the basis of a request for proposals from the global insurance market;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General to present the results of the above-mentioned action, and to respond to issues raised in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 50/ by 15 July 1996 for the consideration of the General Assembly, through the Committee.

50/224 Relocation of Ukraine to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3(c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232

Date: 11 April 1996
Adopted without a vote

Meeting: 104
Report: A/50/851/Add.1

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and its subsequent resolutions relating to the composition of the existing groups for the apportionment of the expenses of peace-keeping operations, the latest of which are resolution 49/249 A of 20 July 1995 and resolution 49/249 B of 14 September 1995,

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48/ A/49/906.

49/ A/50/684.

50/ Ibid.

Having considered the request of Ukraine for reclassification from group B to group C,

1. Welcomes with great satisfaction the voluntary decision made by the Government of Greece to reclassify Greece from group C to group B;

2. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement:

(a) To note the voluntary decision made by the Government of Greece and to place Greece among the Member States referred to in paragraph 3 (b) of resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989 and, in accordance with that decision, to apportion its share of the costs of peace-keeping operations financed through assessed contributions on the basis of the proportions determined by the scale of assessments in the following manner: 35 per cent beginning 1 July 1996, 55 per cent in 1997, 75 per cent in 1998, 95 per cent in 1999 and 100 per cent in 2000 and subsequent years;

(b) To begin the transition of Ukraine to the group of Member States referred to in paragraph 3 (c) of resolution 43/232 on the understanding that the reduction in the United States dollar amounts to be assessed on Ukraine beginning 1 July 1996 shall be equal to the additional United States dollar amounts assessed on Greece in accordance with paragraph 2 (a) above, on the basis that this decision will be adjusted as appropriate to conform with any future relevant decisions adopted by the General Assembly;

3. Stresses that paragraph 2 above does not result in any change in the assessments for financing peace-keeping operations of other Member States;

4. Takes note of the intention as stated by Ukraine on 29 March 1996 in the Fifth Committee concerning the settlement of its arrears; 51/

5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Relocation of Ukraine to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232".

50/229 Commission of Inquiry in Rwanda

Date: 7 June 1996 Meeting: 120
Adopted without a vote Report: A/50/842/Add.3

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the Commission of Inquiry in Rwanda 52/ and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 53/

Recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolution 50/214 of 23 December 1995, already requested the Secretary-General to make economies in an amount of 103,991,200 United States dollars and also requested the Secretary-General to implement fully all mandated programmes and activities, and reaffirming the budgetary process adopted in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and subsequent relevant resolutions,

1. Decides to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount of up to 931,800 United States dollars (net of staff assessment) under section 3 of the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 for the maintenance of the Commission of Inquiry;

51/ A/C.5/50/SR.51.

52/ A/C.5/50/60.

53/ See A/C.5/50/SR.58.

2. Requests the Secretary-General to present to the General Assembly, no later than 15 May 1996, proposals on possible means of absorption in the 1996-1997 programme budget, including, inter alia, part II thereof;

3. Requests the Fifth Committee to revert to the issue of appropriations, at the latter part of its May 1996 session, in the light of the Secretary-General's proposals requested therein.

50/230 Progress report on the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997

Date: 7 June 1996 Meeting: 120
Adopted without a vote Report: A/50/842/Add.3

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the budgetary process as adopted in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and subsequent relevant resolutions,

Recalling its resolutions 50/214 and 50/215 of 23 December 1995,

Reaffirming that changes in mandated programmes and activities are the prerogative of the General Assembly,

Also reaffirming regulation 5.2 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, as adopted in its resolution 37/234 of 21 December 1982,

Noting that the Secretary-General, taking into account the views of the competent intergovernmental bodies, may present proposals for changes to mandated programmes and activities for consideration and approval by such bodies,

Also noting that Member States can present proposals for changes to mandated programmes and activities in the context of the relevant negotiations,

Reaffirming its decision that savings in the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 will not affect the full implementation of mandated programmes and activities,

Having considered the interim report of the Secretary-General 54/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 55/

1. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, a report containing proposals for achieving savings as called for in resolution 50/214 in the manner indicated in paragraph 16 of the report of the Advisory Committee, 56/ no later than 1 September 1996;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that, until the above-mentioned report is considered by the General Assembly, all mandated programmes and activities are implemented in full;

54/ A/C.5/50/57.

55/ See A/C.5/50/SR.58

56/ A/50/7/Add.16.

4. Notes that the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 was adopted in resolution 50/214 in unique circumstances and as such does not constitute a precedent;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that productivity gains will not have a negative impact on his obligations under Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations to recruit staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible, even on a temporary basis;

6. Also requests the Secretary-General not to take any measures that do not respect the prerogatives of the General Assembly;

7. Decides to revert to this question at its fifty-first session upon receipt of the report of the Secretary-General.

50/231 Proposals on possible means of absorption of the cost of new mandates within the programme budget for 1996-1997

Date: 7 June 1996 Meeting: 120
Adopted without a vote Report: A/50/842/Add.3

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the budgetary process as adopted in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and subsequent relevant resolutions,

Recalling its resolutions 50/214 and 50/215 of 23 December 1995,

Reaffirming that changes in mandated programmes and activities are the prerogative of the General Assembly,

Recalling its authorizations for the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in 1996 in respect of newly mandated activities in Haiti, Guatemala, El Salvador and Rwanda, 57/

Recalling also its requests that the Secretary-General provide a report, no later than 15 May 1996, on possible means of absorption of the related costs within the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997, 58/

Recognizing that the expenditures relating to the newly mandated activities in Haiti, Guatemala, El Salvador and Rwanda are extraordinary in nature and are governed by the procedures specified in paragraph 11 of annex I to resolution 41/213,

Noting that the General Assembly has approved commitment authority amounting to 24.7 million United States dollars for activities in Haiti, Guatemala, El Salvador and Rwanda in 1996,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on possible means of absorption, 59/

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General;

57/ See, inter alia, A/50/913 and A/50/914.

58/ Ibid.

59/ A/C.5/50/67.

2. Notes that the Secretary-General stated in his report that he could not absorb any additional amount beyond the reductions of 154 million dollars required to maintain expenditures within the approved appropriations and that he anticipated that new approved and prospective mandates might require an additional 120 million dollars during the course of the biennium;

3. Reiterates that the Secretary-General's authority to implement any proposal to change mandated programmes and activities is subject to the prior approval of the General Assembly;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, subject to fully implementing all mandated programmes and activities as required by General Assembly resolution 50/214, to submit a further report to the Assembly no later than 1 September 1996 containing proposals on possible means of absorption in the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997, including, inter alia, in part II thereof and in the area of staff costs where savings might arise from the implementation of the early separation programme during 1996-1997;

5. Decides to revert to the issue of appropriations in the context of the first performance report;

6. Authorizes the Secretary-General, in responding to the requirements of resolution 50/86 B of 3 April 1996 concerning Haiti, to enter into further commitments of 1,767,300 dollars gross (1,606,200 dollars net of staff assessment) for the period from 1 June 1996 to 31 August 1996;

7. Also authorizes the Secretary-General, should the General Assembly decide to extend the mandate of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti beyond 31 August 1996, to enter into commitments through December 1996 in an amount not exceeding a monthly level of 627,900 dollars gross (567,700 dollars net of staff assessment).

50/232 Conference servicing of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Date: 7 June 1996 Meeting: 120
Adopted without a vote Report: A/50/842/Add.3

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the conference servicing of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change 60/ and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon, 61/

Recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolution 50/115 of 20 December 1995, decided to include in the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1996-1997 the sessions of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies envisaged for that biennium, entailing twelve weeks of conference-servicing facilities,

Recalling also that the Fifth Committee informed the General Assembly in this connection that the actual amount required under section 26E, Conference services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997, including the need for additional appropriation, would be considered by the General Assembly at its resumed session in 1996, 62/

Recalling further that the General Assembly, in its resolution 50/214 of 23 December 1995, already requested the Secretary-General to make economies in an amount of 103,991,200 United States dollars and also requested the Secretary-General to implement fully all mandated programmes and activities,

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60/ A/C.5/50/58.

61/ A/50/7/Add.15.

62/ A/50/823, para. 3.

Reaffirming the budgetary process adopted in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, and subsequent relevant resolutions,

1. Decides to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments up to an amount of 5,517,000 United States dollars from section 26 of the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 for the provision of conference servicing to the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its subsidiary bodies;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, subject to fully implementing all mandated programmes and activities as required by resolution 50/214, to submit a report no later than 1 September 1996 containing proposals on possible means of absorption in the programme budget for 1996-1997;

3. Decides to revert to the issue of appropriations in the context of the first performance report.

50/233 Joint Inspection Unit

Date: 7 June 1996 Meeting: 120
Adopted without a vote Report: A/50/971

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its previous relevant resolutions on the Joint Inspection Unit, in particular resolution 48/221 of 23 December 1993, and on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations,

Reaffirming also paragraph 6 of section II of its resolution 48/218 A of 23 December 1993,

Having considered the annual reports of the Joint Inspection Unit for the periods 1 July 1993 to 30 June 1994 63/ and 1 July 1994 to 30 June 1995, 64/ and its related work programmes, 65/ as well as the reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Unit, 66/

Reaffirming the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, the only independent system-wide inspection, evaluation and investigation body,

Stressing that the impact of the Joint Inspection Unit on the cost-effectiveness of activities within the United Nations system is a shared responsibility of the Member States, the Unit and the secretariats of the participating organizations,

Noting with concern that some reports of the Joint Inspection Unit have dealt with political matters,

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63/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/49/34).

64/ Ibid., Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/50/34).

65/ See A/49/111 and A/50/140.

66/ A/49/632 and A/50/784.

1. Takes note with appreciation of the annual reports of the Joint Inspection Unit on its activities during the periods 1 July 1993 to 30 June 1994 67/ and 1 July 1994 to 30 June 1995, 68/ of its work programmes for 1994, 1995 and 1995-1996 69/ and of the reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Unit; 70/

2. Endorses the observations and recommendations on the operation of the Joint Inspection Unit contained in the annual report of the Unit for the period from 1 July 1994 to 30 June 1995, subject to the provisions of the present resolution, without prejudice to its consideration of the thematic reports of the Unit;

3. Decides to consider the appropriate periodicity of the Joint Inspection Unit agenda item in the context of the review called for in its decision 47/454 of 23 December 1992;

4. Requests the Secretary-General and invites the executive heads of Joint Inspection Unit participating organizations to take the necessary measures to ensure that the thematic reports of the Unit are listed under the appropriate substantive agenda items of the work programmes of the General Assembly, other pertinent organs and bodies of the United Nations and the appropriate legislative organs of the other participating organizations;

5. Takes note of the thematic reports of the Joint Inspection Unit submitted to it for action, and decides to continue their consideration, where appropriate, under the relevant agenda items;

6. Requests the Joint Inspection Unit to seek a more reader-friendly and uniform format of reports, taking into account new publishing technologies, that would include sections containing the objectives of the report, an executive summary, the conclusions drawn and, as appropriate, the action required to be taken by the organizations, in order to make reports as concise as possible and to comply with the existing page limit of 32 pages;

7. Also requests the Joint Inspection Unit to report to it at its fifty-first regular session on measures taken aimed at developing the set of internal standards and guidelines for inspection, evaluation and investigation;

8. Invites the legislative organs of other Joint Inspection Unit participating organizations to take concrete action on the recommendations of the Unit;

9. Reminds the Joint Inspection Unit of its functions and powers as set out in chapter III of its statute, in particular article 5, paragraphs 1 to 3 and 5, and article 7, and requests the Unit to prepare its programme of work accordingly, bearing in mind the interests of the participating organizations and the paramount need to ensure efficiency of services and proper use of funds;

10. Invites the Joint Inspection Unit to continue to take full advantage of its system-wide competence in undertaking comparative analysis on trends and problems faced by various organizations and to propose harmonized, practical and concrete solutions;

11. Requests the executive heads of the Joint Inspection Unit participating organizations to comply fully with the statutory reporting procedures for the consideration of the reports of the Unit, and requests the Unit to report to the competent legislative organs on compliance by the secretariats concerned;

12. Requests the Joint Inspection Unit to continue to focus its reports on important priority items, identifying concrete managerial, administrative and programming questions aimed at providing the General Assembly and other legislative organs of participating organizations with practical and action-oriented recommendations on precisely defined issues;

67/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/49/34).

68/ Ibid., Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/50/34).

69/ See A/49/111 and A/50/140 and Add.1.

70/ A/49/632 and A/50/784.

13. Requests the Joint Inspection Unit to issue its reports well in advance of meetings of the legislative organs of the participating organizations so that the reports can be thoroughly and effectively utilized by these legislative organs;

14. Requests the Secretary-General and the other executive heads of participating organizations to assist the Unit fully, with timely provision of all information requested by it;

15. Decides to consider the issue of the mobility of the staff of the Joint Inspection Unit in the context of the review called for in its decision 47/454;

16. Encourages the Joint Inspection Unit to continue to take the necessary steps to achieve a punctual and systematic follow-up of its recommendations as approved by the legislative organs of the participating organizations;

17. Urges Member States to pay special attention to the importance of the selection of qualified inspectors.

50/234 Financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

Date: 7 June 1996 Meeting: 120
Adopted without a vote Report: A/50/970

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission 71/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 72/

Recalling Security Council resolutions 687 (1991) of 3 April 1991 and 689 (1991) of 9 April 1991, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission and to review the question of its termination or continuation every six months,

Recalling also its resolution 49/245 of 12 July 1995 on the financing of the Mission,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission that are not covered by voluntary contributions are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Expressing its appreciation for the substantial voluntary contributions made to the Mission by the Government of Kuwait and the contributions of other Governments,

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71/ A/50/892.

72/ A/50/950.

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Notes the status of contributions to the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission as at 21 May 1996, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 22,761,490 United States dollars, representing 11 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Mission to the period ending on 30 April 1996, also notes that some 34 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses its continued appreciation for the decision of the Government of Kuwait to defray two thirds of the cost of the Mission, effective 1 November 1993;

3. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full;

5. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

6. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 73/

7. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

8. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission the amount of 21,742,800 dollars gross (19,129,200 dollars net) authorized and apportioned by the General Assembly in paragraph 16 of its resolution 49/245 for the period from 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996;

9. Decides also to appropriate the amount of 52,141,900 dollars gross (50,071,000 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997, inclusive of the amount of 1,396,500 dollars for the support account for peace-keeping operations, two-thirds share of this amount, equivalent to 33,380,667 dollars, to be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Kuwait, subject to the review by the Security Council with regard to the question of termination or continuation of the Mission;

10. Decides further, as an ad hoc arrangement, taking into consideration the funding through voluntary contributions from the Government of Kuwait of the two-thirds share of the cost of the Mission, equivalent to 33,380,667 dollars, to apportion the amount of 18,761,233 dollars gross (16,690,333 dollars net), representing one third of the cost of the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997, to be assessed on Member States at the monthly rate of 1,563,436 dollars gross (1,390,861 dollars net), in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995 and 50/224 of 11 April 1996 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1996 and 1997, as set out in resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and decision 50/471 A of 22 December 1995, subject to the review by the Security Council with regard to the question of termination or continuation of the Mission;

73/ A/50/950.

11. Decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 2,070,900 dollars approved for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;

12. Decides also that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 6,917,700 dollars gross (7,816,700 dollars net) for the period ending on 31 October 1993;

13. Decides further that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 6,917,700 dollars gross (7,816,700 dollars net) for the period ending on 31 October 1993 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

14. Invites voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

15. Decides to keep the item entitled "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission" under review during its fiftieth session.

50/235 Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters

Date: 7 June 1996 Meeting: 120
Adopted without a vote Report: A/50/796/Add.3

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters 74/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 75/

Recalling Security Council resolutions 727 (1992) of 8 January 1992 and 740 (1992) of 7 February 1992, in which the Council endorsed the sending of a group of military liaison officers to Yugoslavia to promote maintenance of the cease-fire,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 743 (1992) of 21 February 1992, by which the Council established the United Nations Protection Force, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended and expanded its mandate,

Recalling further Security Council resolution 981 (1995) of 31 March 1995, by which the Council established the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, to be known as UNCRO,

Recalling Security Council resolution 983 (1995) of 31 March 1995, by which the Council decided that the United Nations Protection Force within the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia should be known as the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force,

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74/ A/50/696/Add.4, Add.4/Corr.1 and Add.5.

75/ A/50/903/Add.1.

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1025 (1995) of 30 November 1995, by which the Council decided to terminate the mandate of the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia on 15 January 1996,

Recalling further Security Council resolution 1031 (1995) of 15 December 1995, in which the Council decided to terminate the mandate of the United Nations Protection Force on the date on which the Secretary-General reported that the transfer of authority from the Protection Force to the Implementation Force had taken place,

Recalling the letter dated 1 February 1996 from the President of the Security Council to the Secretary-General informing him of the Council's concurrence in principle that the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force become an independent mission, 76/

Recalling also its resolution 46/233 of 19 March 1992 on the financing of the Protection Force and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was decision 50/481 of 11 April 1996,

Reaffirming that the costs of the combined Forces are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the combined Forces, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the combined Forces by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the combined Forces with the necessary financial resources to fulfil their responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Notes the status of contributions to the combined Forces as at 21 May 1996, including the contributions unpaid in the amount of 738.4 million United States dollars, representing 16 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Force to the period ending 31 March 1996, notes also that some 22 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the combined Forces in full and on time;

76/ S/1996/76.

5. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 77/ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the combined Forces are administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit the performance report covering the period from 1 July to 31 December 1995, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to the General Assembly by 15 August 1996;

8. Further requests the Secretary-General to clarify, in consultation with the Member State(s) concerned, the value, calculated according to standard United Nations procedures, of those budgeted contributions in kind which served to reduce the amount assessed on Member States for the rapid reaction capacity, and to report thereon to the General Assembly as soon as possible;

9. Decides that all expenses for the United Nations Protection Force rapid reaction capacity, including the agreed value of such budgeted contributions in kind, should be included within the assessed budget for the combined Forces;

10. Decides also to review the resource requirements of the United Nations Protection Force in the light of the performance report requested in paragraph 7 and the information requested in paragraph 8 above;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to return to the Member States concerned the unspent cash contributions made to the sub-account for the rapid reaction capacity established pursuant to paragraph 15 of resolution 49/248 of 20 July 1995, and also requests him to take the necessary steps to close the sub-account;

12. Takes note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, as contained in paragraph 18 of its report, 78/ on provisions for reimbursement for contingent-owned equipment;

13. Welcomes the ongoing efforts of the Secretary-General to process outstanding contingent-owned equipment reimbursement claims, and requests him to take urgent steps to clear the backlog of such claims to enable speedier liquidation of the combined Forces;

14. Decides to keep the amounts budgeted for provision for reimbursement of contingent-owned equipment under review, pending completion of the process noted in paragraph 13 above;

15. Urges the Secretary-General to review, on an urgent basis, the concerns regarding (a) decentralization of administrative functions (such as recruitment and placement, movement control, training, repatriation and procurement), and (b) reducing the overall number of administrative staff, which were raised in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and to report thereon by 1 July 1996 to the General Assembly;

16. Requests the Secretary-General to develop revised cost estimates for third-party claims and adjustments, following completion of the thorough study to be completed by the Legal Counsel and taking into account the issues raised in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and to submit them, through the Advisory Committee, to the General Assembly;

17. Decides that any expenditures for disposal of hazardous wastes, such as contaminated petrol, oil and lubricants, batteries, used tyres and other wastes, shall be consistent with prior practice in other missions;

77/ A/50/903/Add.1.

78/ A/50/903/Add.1

18. Decides also to appropriate to the special account referred to in General Assembly resolution 46/233 the amount of 100 million dollars gross (99,569,800 dollars net) already authorized and apportioned under the terms of General Assembly resolution 49/248 for the period from 1 July to 30 November 1995;

19. Decides further to appropriate the amount of 115,373,000 dollars gross (113,866,300 dollars net) already authorized by the General Assembly in its decision 50/410 A of 4 December 1995 for the period from 1 to 31 December 1995;

20. Decides to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into additional commitments in the amount of 90,562,100 dollars gross (89,826,050 dollars net) for the pre-liquidation of the combined Forces for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1996, taking into account the amount of 100 million dollars gross (98,430,700 dollars net) already authorized by the General Assembly in its decision 50/410 B of 23 December 1995 and the amount of 50 million dollars gross (49,215,350 dollars net) already authorized by the Assembly in its decision 50/481 of 11 April 1996 for the period from 1 January to 31 May 1996;

21. Decides also to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the liquidation of the combined Forces and the provision of common support for the three-month period from 1 July to 30 September 1996 at a monthly rate not to exceed 6,231,150 dollars gross (5,787,200 dollars net), inclusive of the amount of 99,400 dollars for the support account for peace-keeping operations;

22. Invites voluntary contributions to the combined Forces in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

23. Decides to revert to the agenda item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters" at its resumed fiftieth session.

50/236 Financing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus

Date: 7 June 1996 Meeting: 120
Adopted without a vote Report: A/50/827/Add.1

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus 79/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 80/

Recalling Security Council resolutions 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964, by which the Council established the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus, and 1032 (1995) of 19 December 1995, by which the Council further renewed the mandate of the Force until 30 June 1996,

Recalling also its resolution 49/230 of 23 December 1994, on the financing of the Force,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Force that are not covered by voluntary contributions are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

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79/ A/50/722/Add.1.

80/ A/50/889.

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Expressing its appreciation to all those Member States and Observer States which have made voluntary contributions to the Special Account established for the financing of the Force for the period prior to 16 June 1993,

Noting that voluntary contributions were insufficient to cover all of the costs of the Force, including those incurred by troop-contributing Governments prior to 16 June 1993, and regretting the absence of an adequate response to appeals for voluntary contributions, including that contained in the letter dated 17 May 1994 from the Secretary-General to all Member States, 81/

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Notes the status of contributions to the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus as at 21 May 1996, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 9,486,206 United States dollars, representing 14.5 per cent of the total assessed contributions from 16 June 1993 to the period ending 30 June 1996, notes also that some 23 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full and on time;

5. Endorses the recommendations and takes note of the observations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and of the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. Approves, on an exceptional basis, the special arrangements for the Force with regard to the application of article IV of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, whereby appropriations required in respect of obligations owed to Governments providing contingents and/or logistic support to the Force shall be retained beyond the period stipulated under financial regulations 4.3 and 4.4, as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

81/ S/1994/647.

8. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus an amount of 45,079,500 dollars gross (43,049,600 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997, inclusive of an amount of 1,065,900 dollars for the support account for peace-keeping operations, taking into consideration the funding through voluntary contributions of the one-third share of the cost of the Force, equivalent to 14,349,867 dollars, from the Government of Cyprus and the annual pledge of 6.5 million dollars from the Government of Greece, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 30 June 1996 and the mandate periods to be decided upon by the Council;

9. Decides also, taking into consideration the funding through voluntary contributions of the one-third share of the cost of the Force, equivalent to 14,349,867 dollars, from the Government of Cyprus and the annual pledge of 6.5 million dollars from the Government of Greece, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion an amount of 24,229,633 dollars gross (22,199,733 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 among Member States at a monthly rate of 2,019,136 dollars gross (1,849,978 dollars net), in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995 and 50/224 of 11 April 1996 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1996 and 1997, as set out in its resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and decision 50/471 A of 23 December 1995, subject to the decisions of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 30 June 1996 and the mandate periods to be decided upon by the Council;

10. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 2,029,900 dollars approved for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;

11. Decides to continue to maintain as separate the account established for the period prior to 16 June 1993 for the Force, invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to that account, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in appealing for voluntary contributions to the account;

12. Invites voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

13. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus".

ANNEX

Special arrangements with regard to the application of article IV of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations

1. At the end of the twelve-month period provided for in regulation 4.3, any unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question relating to goods supplied and services rendered by Governments for which claims have been received or which are covered by established reimbursement rates shall be transferred to accounts payable; such accounts payable shall remain recorded in the Special Account for the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus until payment is effected.

2. (a) Any other unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question owed to Governments for goods supplied and services rendered, as well as other obligations owed to Governments, for which required claims have not yet been received shall remain valid for an additional period of four years following the end of the twelve-month period provided for in regulation 4.3;

(b) Claims received during this four-year period shall be treated as provided under paragraph 1 of the present annex, if appropriate;

(c) At the end of the additional four-year period, any unliquidated obligations shall be cancelled and the then remaining balance of any appropriations retained therefor shall be surrendered.

50/237 Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

Date: 7 June 1996 Meeting: 120
Adopted without a vote Report: A/50/820/Add.1

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia 82/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 83/

Recalling Security Council resolution 854 (1993) of 6 August 1993, by which the Council approved the deployment of an advance team of up to ten United Nations military observers for a period of three months and the incorporation of the advance team into a United Nations observer mission if such a mission was formally established by the Council,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 858 (1993) of 24 August 1993, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Observer Mission, the most recent of which was resolution 1036 (1996) of 12 January 1996,

Recalling further its decision 48/475 A of 23 December 1993 on the financing of the Observer Mission, and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was decision 50/449 of 22 December 1995,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Observer Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Observer Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Observer Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observer Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

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82/ A/50/731/Add.1 and Corr.1.

83/ A/50/890.

1. Notes the status of contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia as at 21 May 1996, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 1.7 million United States dollars, representing 5 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Observer Mission to the period ending 30 June 1996, notes also that some 27 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Observer Mission in full and on time;

5. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 84/

6. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Observer Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia the amount of 7,606,650 dollars gross (7,102,200 dollars net), already authorized and assessed under the terms of General Assembly resolution 49/231 B of 12 July 1995, for the period from 13 January to 30 June 1996;

8. Decides also to appropriate the amount of 17,089,600 dollars gross (16,023,400 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997, inclusive of the amount of 413,500 dollars for the support account for peace-keeping operations, to be assessed on Member States at a monthly rate of 1,424,100 dollars gross (1,335,300 dollars net) in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995 and 50/224 of 11 April 1996 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1996 and 1997, as set out in resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and decision 50/451 A of 22 December 1995, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Observer Mission beyond 12 July 1996;

9. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,066,200 dollars approved for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;

10. Decides that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 512,136 dollars gross (339,846 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 15 May 1995;

11. Decides also that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 512,136 dollars gross (339,846 dollars net) for the period ending 15 May 1995 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

84/ A/50/890.

12. Invites voluntary contributions to the Observer Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

13. Invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to the trust fund established in accordance with paragraph 10 of Security Council resolution 937 (1994) of 21 July 1994;

14. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia".

50/238 Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan

Date: 7 June 1996 Meeting: 120
Adopted without a vote Report: A/50/828/Add.1

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan 85/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 86/

Recalling Security Council resolutions 968 (1994) of 16 December 1994, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan, and 1030 (1995) of 14 December 1995, by which the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Mission until 15 June 1996,

Recalling also its resolution 49/240 of 31 March 1995 on the financing of the Mission,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

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85/ A/50/749/Add.1.

86/ A/50/933.

1. Notes the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan as at 21 May 1996, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 788,296 United States dollars, representing 6 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Mission to the period ending on 15 June 1996, also notes that some 26 per cent of Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

5. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 87/

6. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan the amount of 7,478,900 dollars gross (6,971,600 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997, inclusive of the amount of 176,400 dollars for the support account for peace-keeping operations, to be assessed on Member States at a monthly rate of 623,242 dollars gross (580,967 dollars net), in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995 and 50/224 of 11 April 1996 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1996 and 1997, as set out in resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and decision 50/471 A of 22 December 1995, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission beyond 15 June 1996;

8. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 7 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 507,300 dollars approved for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;

9. Invites voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

10. Invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to the trust fund established in accordance with paragraph 13 of Security Council resolution 968 (1994);

11. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan".

87/ A/50/933.

50/239 Activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Date: 7 June 1996
Adopted without a vote

Meeting: 120
Report: A/50/973

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/218 B of 29 July 1994, in which it decided to establish an Office of Internal Oversight Services under the authority of the Secretary-General,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the annual report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, 88/ and takes note also of the views expressed by Member States;

2. Also takes note of the reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, 89/ and decides to consider those reports under the relevant item of the agenda;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to entrust to the Office of Internal Oversight Services, in line with General Assembly resolution 48/218 B, the maintenance of close cooperation with the Joint Inspection Unit and the Board of Auditors, so that the comments of those bodies on the reports of the Office, and the Secretary-General's comments thereon, may be considered, as appropriate, by the Assembly together with the reports of the Office;

4. Reaffirms that procedures for recruitment and promotion applied to personnel of the Office of Internal Oversight Services should be consistent with those applied to the Secretariat.

50/240 Reform of the internal system of justice in the United Nations Secretariat

Date: 7 June 1996
Adopted without a vote

Meeting: 120
Report: A/50/834/Add.2

The General Assembly

1. Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the reform of the internal system of justice in the United Nations Secretariat 90/ and the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon; 91/

2. Invites the Sixth Committee to examine, as a matter of priority, at the beginning of the fifty-first session, the legal implications of the proposals of the Secretary-General contained in his reports on the reform of the internal system of justice in the United Nations Secretariat;

3. Requests the Fifth Committee to revert to the question of the reform of the internal system of justice in the United Nations Secretariat at the fifty-first regular session, in the light of the above.

88/ A/50/459.

89/ A/49/891, A/49/892, A/49/914, A/49/959, A/50/719, A/50/791 and A/50/945.

90/ A/C.5/49/13, A/C.5/49/60 and Add.1 and 2 and Add.2/Corr.1 and A/C.5/50/2 and Add.1.

91/ A/50/7/Add.8.

50/241 Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Date: 7 June 1996 Meeting: 120
Adopted without a vote Report: A/50/966

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina 92/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 93/

Recalling Security Council resolution 1035 (1995) of 21 December 1995, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina for a period of one year,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1038 (1996) of 15 January 1996, by which the Council authorized the United Nations military observers to continue to monitor the demilitarization of the Prevlaka peninsula,

Recalling further its decision 50/481 of 11 April 1996 on the financing of the Mission,

Recognizing that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing also that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

2. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

3. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina in full and on time;

4. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 94/ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

92/ A/50/696/Add.4 and Corr.1 and A/50/906.

93/ A/50/903/Add.1.

94/ A/50/903/Add.1.

6. Decides to appropriate the amount of 43,849,300 United States dollars gross (42,662,500 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1996, inclusive of the amount of 14 million dollars gross (13,780,300 dollars net) authorized for the period from 1 January to 31 May 1996 under the provisions of General Assembly decision 50/481, and requests the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the Mission in accordance with paragraph 46 of his report; 95/

7. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, and taking into account the amount of 14 million dollars gross (13,780,300 dollars net) already apportioned in accordance with General Assembly decision 50/481, to apportion the additional amount of 29,849,300 dollars gross (28,882,200 dollars net) for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1996 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995 and 50/224 of 11 April 1996 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1996, as set out in resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and decision 50/451 A of 22 December 1995;

8. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 7 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of 967,100 dollars approved for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1996;

9. Notes the Secretary-General's cost estimate in the amount of 158,799,600 dollars gross (150,854,700 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;

10. Decides to appropriate the amount of 75,619,800 dollars gross (72,225,600 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1996, inclusive of the amount of 1,918,300 dollars for the support account for peace-keeping operations, to be assessed on Member States at a monthly rate of 12,603,300 dollars gross (12,037,600 dollars net) in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission beyond 20 December 1996;

11. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 3,394,200 dollars approved for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1996;

12. Invites voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

13. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina".

95/ A/50/696/Add.4 and Corr.1.

50/242 Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium

Date: 7 June 1996 Meeting: 120
Adopted without a vote Report: A/50/967

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium 96/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 97/

Recalling Security Council resolution 1037 (1996) of 15 January 1996, by which the Council established the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium for an initial period of twelve months,

Recalling also its decision 50/481 of 11 April 1996 on the financing of the Transitional Administration,

Recognizing that the costs of the Transitional Administration are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing also that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Transitional Administration, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Transitional Administration with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

2. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

3. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium in full and on time;

4. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 98/ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

96/ A/50/696/Add.4 and Corr.1 and A/50/909.

97/ A/50/903/Add.1.

98/ A/50/903/Add.1

5. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Transitional Administration is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

6. Decides to appropriate an amount of 94,269,700 United States dollars gross (93,073,300 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Transitional Administration for the period from 15 January to 30 June 1996, inclusive of the amount of 29,500,000 dollars gross (29,037,100 dollars net) authorized for the period from 15 January to 31 May 1996 under the provisions of General Assembly decision 50/481, and requests the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the Transitional Administration in accordance with paragraph 46 of his report; 99/

7. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, and taking into account the amount of 29,500,000 dollars gross (29,037,100 dollars net) already apportioned in accordance with General Assembly decision 50/481, to apportion an additional amount of 64,769,700 dollars gross (64,036,200 dollars net) for the period from 15 January to 30 June 1996 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995 and 50/224 of 11 April 1996, and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1996 as set out in its resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and decision 50/451 A of 22 December 1995;

8. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 7 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of 733,500 dollars approved for the period from 15 January to 30 June 1996;

9. Notes the Secretary-General's cost estimate in the amount of 284,776,500 dollars gross (275,350,500 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Transitional Administration for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;

10. Decides to appropriate the amount of 140,484,350 dollars gross (136,087,550 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Transitional Administration for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1996, inclusive of the amount of 3,440,050 dollars for the support account for peace-keeping operations, to be assessed on Member States at a monthly rate of 23,414,100 dollars gross (22,681,300 dollars net), in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

11. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 4,396,800 dollars approved for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1996;

12. Invites voluntary contributions to the Transitional Administration in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

13. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium".

99/ A/50/696/Add.4 and Corr.1.

50/243 Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force

Date: 7 June 1996 Meeting: 120
Adopted without a vote Report: A/50/968

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force 100/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 101/

Recalling Security Council resolutions 983 (1995) of 31 March 1995, by which the Council decided that the United Nations Protection Force within the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia should be known as the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force, and 1027 (1995) of 30 November 1995, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 30 May 1996,

Recalling also its decision 50/481 of 11 April 1996 on the financing of the Force,

Recognizing that the costs of the Force are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing also that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

2. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

3. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force in full and on time;

4. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 102/ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

100/ A/50/696/Add.4 and Corr.1 and A/50/895.

101/ A/50/903/Add.1.

102/ A/50/903/Add.1

6. Decides to appropriate an amount of 20,914,200 United States dollars gross (20,562,300 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 January to 30 May 1996, inclusive of the amount of 6,500,000 dollars gross (6,397,950 dollars net) authorized for the period from 1 January to 30 May 1996 under the provisions of General Assembly decision 50/481, and requests the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the Force in accordance with paragraph 46 of his report; 103/

7. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, and taking into account the amount of 6,500,000 dollars gross (6,397,950 dollars net) already apportioned in accordance with General Assembly decision 50/481, to apportion an additional amount of 14,414,200 dollars gross (14,164,350 dollars net) for the period from 1 January to 30 May 1996 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995 and 50/224 of 11 April 1996 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1996, as set out in its resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and decision 50/471 A of 22 December 1995;

8. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 7 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of 249,850 dollars approved for the period from 1 January to 30 May 1996;

9. Decides to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in the amount of 4,237,100 dollars gross (4,132,500 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 31 May to 30 June 1996, to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 30 May 1996;

10. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 104,600 dollars approved for the period from 31 May to 30 June 1996;

11. Notes the Secretary-General's cost estimate in the amount of 52,351,500 dollars gross (50,835,900 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;

12. Decides to appropriate an amount of 26,296,200 dollars gross (25,538,400 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1996, inclusive of an amount of 632,400 dollars for the support account for peace-keeping operations, to be assessed on Member States at a monthly rate of 4,382,700 dollars gross (4,256,400 dollars net), in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 30 May 1996;

13. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 757,800 dollars approved for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1996;

14. Invites voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

15. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force".

103/ A/50/696/Add.4 and Corr.1.

50/246 Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador

Date: 17 September 1996 Meeting: 128
Adopted without a vote Report: A/50/818/Add.1

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador 104/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 105/

Recalling Security Council resolution 991 (1995) of 28 April 1995, by which the Council affirmed that the mandate of the Observer Mission would terminate as at 30 April 1995, as well as all previous Security Council resolutions on the Observer Mission,

Recalling also its resolution 45/267 of 21 June 1991 on the financing of the Observer Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was decision 50/447 of 22 December 1995,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Observer Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Observer Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Observer Mission by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observer Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to meet its outstanding liabilities,

1. Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador as at 31 August 1996, including the contributions unpaid in the amount of 7,804,394 United States dollars, representing 4 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Observer Mission to the period ending 31 May 1995, notes that some forty-five per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full;

104/ A/50/735/Add.1.

105/ A/50/1018.

4. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Observer Mission in full;

5. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 106/

6. Decides to appropriate to the special account for the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador the additional amount of 826,000 dollars gross (745,300 dollars net) already authorized by the General Assembly, in its decision 50/447, for the period from 1 December 1994 to 30 April 1995;

7. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion an additional amount of 826,000 dollars gross (745,300 dollars net) for the period from 1 December 1994 to 30 April 1995 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991 and 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, and its decision 48/472 A of 23 December 1993, the scale of assessments for the year 1994 107/ to be applied against a portion thereof, that is, 169,580 dollars gross (153,010 dollars net), which is the amount pertaining on a pro rata basis to the period ending 31 December 1994, and the scale of assessments for the year 1995 108/ to be applied against the balance, that is, 656,420 dollars gross (592,290 dollars net), for the period from 1 January to 30 April 1995, inclusive;

8. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 7 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of 80,700 dollars approved for the Observer Mission for the period from 1 December 1994 to 30 April 1995, inclusive, 16,570 dollars being the amount pertaining on a pro rata basis to the period ending 31 December 1994, and the balance, that is, 64,130 dollars, approved for the period from 1 January to 30 April 1995, inclusive;

9. Decides to appropriate the additional amount of 16,300 dollars gross (17,700 dollars net) for the period from 1 to 31 May 1995, already authorized by the General Assembly in its decision 50/447, to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

10. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, shall take into consideration the decrease in their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,400 dollars approved for the Observer Mission for the period from 1 to 31 May 1995;

11. Decides further that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionments, as provided for in paragraphs 7 and 9 above, their respective share in the amount of 842,300 dollars gross (763,000 dollars net) from the unencumbered balance of 15,712,958 dollars gross (14,221,605 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 November 1994;

12. Decides that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, their share in the amount of 842,300 dollars gross (763,000 dollars net) from the unencumbered balance of 15,712,958 dollars gross (14,221,605 dollars net) for the period ending 30 November 1994 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

13. Decides also that the remaining unencumbered balance of 14,870,658 dollars gross (13,458,605 dollars net) in the special account for the Observer Mission shall be credited to Member States;

14. Decides further to transfer the remaining interest and miscellaneous income totalling 256,674 dollars and any surplus arising from the eventual liquidation of the remaining obligations in the special account for the Observer Mission to the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund.

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106/ A/50/1018.

107/ See resolutions 46/221 A and 48/223 A and decision 47/456.

108/ See resolution 49/19 B.